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| **Paragraph #1 – Introduction**   * **Attention-grabbing beginning – (A general statement that has to do with the hardships of war or a question asking your audience if they ever had to endure a difficult situation.)** * **Description of issue – (Give a brief 2 to 3 sentence summary of what is happening in the winter camp at Valley Forge. Use your background essay for support.)** * **State the condition – (Your 9-month term is coming to an end and General Washington is asking his soldiers what they are going to do.)**   **Thesis Statement – (Combine your opinion statement and your 3 reasons for your decision to make your complete thesis statement.)**   * **Opinion Statement – (Creatively share what you have decided to do…Have you decided to re-enlist for another term of service or have you decided at the end of your term you are going to go home.)** * **Reasons for your decision - Try to choose strong reasons from different primary and secondary source documents. You do not need to do further research. (\_\_\_1\_\_, \_\_\_2\_\_, and \_\_\_3\_\_\_.)** | | |
| **Paragraph #2**  **Reason #1–TOPIC SENTENCE-Your thesis reason 1 made into a complete sentence.**  **Evidence to support**  **(details-examples-arguments)**  **1.**  **2.**  **3.** | **Paragraph #3**  **Reason #2-TOPIC SENTENCE -**  **Your thesis reason 2 made into a complete sentence.**  **Evidence to support**  **(details-examples-arguments)**  **1.**  **2.**  **3.** | **Paragraph #4**  **Reason #3-TOPIC SENTENCE –**  **Your thesis reason 3 made into a complete sentence.**  **Evidence to support**  **(details-examples-arguments)**  **1.**  **2.**  **3.** |
| **Paragraph #5 – Conclusion**  **Restate Description of the Issue - (from Intro paragraph)**  **Include Counter Argument – (What are some reasons why a soldier would choose opposite from you? (Ex. Although…**    **Summarize**  **Opinion Statement and 3 Reasons of Thesis –-**  **Closing Thought or quote or question (connection to today) –** | | |