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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\_\_\_.)**
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| **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) –** |