Lesson Organizer - Carolyn Markel

Lesson Topic
5-paragraph essay

Organizing paragraphs in a 5-paragraph essay

1. Introduction – state your position and give an overview of your 3 supporting reasons
2. State your first reason and provide 3 supporting details
3. State your second reason and provide 3 supporting details
4. State your third reason and provide 3 supporting details
5. Conclusion – restate your position and your 3 supporting reasons

Discussion: Relationship between lesson and unit
Essay writing is a common type of expository writing. A five-paragraph essay is a good technique to organize thoughts.

Discussion: Relationship between lesson and daily life
You need to write an essay for the GED. Some jobs require writing samples. Understanding how paragraphs are organized when writing will make you a better reader.

Self-Test Questions
- What is your position on the topic? (1)
- What are three reasons that support your position? (1)
- Do you have at least three details to support each of your reasons? (2, 3, 4)
- Do you have a conclusion, and does it restate your position? (5)

Tasks/Strategies
- Use a graphic organizer to organize your position, reasons and supporting details.
- Be sure that all sentences in the essay are related to your position.