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## 5 Paragraph Essay Outline: Character Strengths

**Prompt:** What are your personal character strengths and weaknesses at the moment?

Write an essay about your greatest personal strength(s) and your weakest strength(s) using examples in your life.

### Introduction

#### Hook

- 1-2 sentences

#### Background Information

- 3-5 sentences
- Think about what the reader needs to know in order to understand the topic of this essay

#### Thesis Statement

- 1 sentence
- Answer the prompt and describe what exactly you will be explaining in your body paragraphs

### Body Paragraph 1

#### Main Idea Sentence

- 1 sentence
- Explain what this paragraph will be about (strength or weakness)

#### Details/Examples

- 3-5 sentences
- Explain the character strengths
- Give personal life examples of the character strength that you are describing

<b>Concluding Sentence/Transition</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 sentence</li> <li>• Summarize this paragraph in order to keep moving to your second idea</li> </ul>	
<b>Body Paragraph 2</b>	
<b>Main Idea Sentence</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 sentence</li> <li>• Explain what this paragraph will be about (strength or weakness)</li> </ul>	
<b>Details/Examples</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3-5 sentences</li> <li>• Explain the character strengths</li> <li>• Give personal life examples of the character strength that you are describing</li> </ul>	
<b>Concluding Sentence/Transition</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 sentence</li> <li>• Summarize this paragraph in order to keep moving to your third idea</li> </ul>	
<b>Body Paragraph 3</b>	
<b>Main Idea Sentence</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 sentence</li> <li>• Explain what this paragraph will be about (strength or weakness)</li> </ul>	
<b>Details/Examples</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3-5 sentences</li> <li>• Explain the character strengths</li> <li>• Give personal life examples of the character strength that you are describing</li> </ul>	
<b>Concluding Sentence/Transition</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 sentence</li> </ul>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Summarize this paragraph in order to keep moving to your second idea</li> </ul>	
<b>Conclusion</b>	
<b>Rephrase Thesis</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 sentence</li> <li>Repeat the thesis statement but in different words.</li> </ul>	
<b>Refer to Hook</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2-3 sentences</li> <li>If possible, mention whatever funny thing you mentioned in the beginning</li> </ul>	
<b>Final Comment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1-2 sentences</li> <li>Make a final comment about this topic</li> <li>Talk about the the future</li> </ul>	