**Writing Assignment**  
**5 Paragraph Essay Skills**

**Directions:**
1. Read all of these directions before beginning the assignment.
2. In the Writing section of your notebook, skip a line from the previous entry and write, “5 Paragraph Essay Skills”, centered on the page, as the title for the assignment. Write the date to the right of the title.
3. On the next line, write your topic choice. This should be a topic with which you are familiar enough to write an essay with little to no research required. However, you may not choose a topic which you have previously used as a topic for a paper or for a speech.
4. Choose one of the levels for the assignment listed below. Choose a level at which you need additional practice, but also challenge yourself to go a bit higher. If you choose to complete the assignment at a level which the teacher does not feel challenges you enough, you may be asked to do the assignment at a different level. Write the level you chose to complete this assignment, including a brief explanation about why you chose the level you did.
5. After choosing a topic and a level, take your notebook to the teacher for approval, then complete the assignment, according to the directions listed for the approved level.
6. Re-read what you have written, making any necessary changes or corrections. This should be your BEST work.
7. Mark the date on which you completed the assignment on your work plan.
8. Turn your notebook into your mailbox as soon as you finish the assignment, but no later than the due date listed on your work plan.

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<td>Write three points you would like to make in your paper about your topic. Write three different thesis statements, using the same three points you listed as areas of focus for the paper, for each one.</td>
<td>Write an introduction to a paper on the topic you chose. This must include an opening statement (grabber) as well as a thesis statement. This is to be a full paragraph (5-8 sentences) in length.</td>
<td>Write three points you would like to make in your paper about your topic. Write three body paragraphs, one about each point. These must be full paragraphs (5-8 sentences) and include transitions between each one.</td>
<td>Write an introduction to a paper on the topic you chose. This must include an opening statement (grabber) as well as a thesis statement. Write a conclusion for the same topic, based on the thesis statement you wrote in your introduction. These must both be full paragraphs (5-8 sentences) in length.</td>
<td>Write an opening statement and a thesis statement for a paper on the topic you chose. Write transition statements you might use at the end of each body paragraph. Write your re-stated thesis statement, as it might be written in your conclusion. Write a closing sentence.</td>
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If you are looking for a real challenge, write the entire 5 paragraph essay, following the format you were given in class.