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Structuring a Five Paragraph Expository Essay

Directions: Fill in the boxes below with the sentences from your draft essay that match each box title.

Title of Your Essay

Introduction	Hook
	Thesis
Body Paragraph #1	Topic Sentence
	Supporting Example

	Closing Statement/Wrap Up
Body Paragraph #2	Topic Sentence
	Supporting Example
	Closing Statement/Wrap Up
Body Paragraph #3	Topic Sentence

	Supporting Example
	Closing Statement/Wrap Up
Conclusion	Restatement of Thesis
	Big Picture
	Relate back to hook

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Structuring a Four Paragraph Expository Essay

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Just Keep Swimming

Title of Your Essay

Introduction	Hook “Just keep swimming” is the motto of <i>Finding Nemo</i> ’s most unexpectedly wise character, Dory. This idea of continuing on no matter what is thrown your way is often used by those who achieve greatness no matter how big or small.
	Thesis Determination, regardless of personal tragedy and the wrath of Mother Nature, helps not only individuals, but society overcome significant odds in pursuit of a dream.
Body Paragraph #1	Topic Sentence Most people may think losing your sight and your hearing would be one of the most devastating things that could happen, but Helen Keller is not most people.

	<p>Supporting Example</p> <p>She was struck deaf and blind due to a high fever as an infant, but with the help of her teacher, Anne Sullivan, she learned to read, write, and speak better than most fully able adults.</p>
	<p>Closing Statement/Wrap Up</p> <p>Keller proves that if you charge through life's roadblocks you can achieve greatness.</p>
<p>Body Paragraph #2</p>	<p>Topic Sentence</p> <p>Another example, of overcoming obstacles in pursuit of a dream is not an individual, but rather an entire city.</p>
	<p>Supporting Example</p> <p>New Orleans, in 2005, was blindsided by one of the worst storms in modern history, Hurricane Katrina. It devastated the city, destroying home, levees and practically everything in its path. Most thought the city was dead; that it would fade into memory like the lost city of Atlantis, becoming a myth.</p>
	<p>Closing Statement/Wrap Up</p> <p>But New Orleanians rallied, rebuilding a strong infrastructure, overcoming the wrath of Nature to rebuild the dream of a better city.</p>

Conclusion	<p>Restatement of Thesis</p> <p>Everyone wants their happily ever after and for their dream to magically come true.</p>
	<p>Big Picture</p> <p>But those individuals who have determination to overcome even the most dire of obstacles to achieve their dreams know that the difficulties made their accomplishments that much sweeter.</p>
	<p>Relate back to hook</p> <p>They have persevered, kept their heads above water, and just kept swimming toward their dreams.</p>

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