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**Prewriting**

**Historical Question:** Is Maryland more northern, more southern, or should it be called a middle ground? Provide evidence to support your response.

Title to the essay: ________________________________________________________________

**Paragraph One**

Interesting topic sentence to grab the reader: __________________________________________

Brief background to set the scene: _______________________________________________________

Stating the question with key terms defined: __________________________________________

Thesis: _______________________________________________________

**Paragraph Two**

State first reason: ________________________________________________________________

Provide evidence: ________________________________________________________________

Explain argument (connect the evidence to the thesis): __________________________________

**Paragraph Three**

State second reason: _______________________________________________________________

Provide evidence: ________________________________________________________________

Explain argument (connect the evidence to the thesis): __________________________________

**Paragraph Four**

State third reason: _______________________________________________________________

Provide evidence: ________________________________________________________________

Explain argument (connect the evidence to the thesis): __________________________________

**Paragraph Five**

Conclusion (restatement of the idea): ________________________________________________