**Personal Statement Outline Example**

Rough Outline

1. Introduction
2. Body Paragraph Idea – Tie to Theme
3. Body Paragraph Idea – Tie to Theme
4. Body Paragraph Idea – Tie to Theme
5. Conclusion

Honed Outline

1. Introduction
   1. Hook
   2. Providing relevant context
   3. Introducing theme
2. Body
   1. Story/main idea
   2. Communicate meaning
   3. Associate with theme
   4. Link to next paragraph
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   1. Story/main idea
   2. Communicate meaning
   3. Associate with theme
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4. Body
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   2. Communicate meaning
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5. Conclusion
   1. Wrap up
   2. Concluding theme