Types of Expository Writing Structure

The purpose of an expository essay is to explain, describe, or inform the reader about a particular subject.

I. Introduction
   a. Hook *(Catch the Reader’s Attention)*
   b. 2 Background Statements *(May be Found in the “Writing Situation” of the Prompt)*
   c. Thesis Statement *(Controlling Idea of Essay)*
      i. “There are a number of....”
      ii. “There are many...”

II. Body Paragraphs *(There should be 3 body paragraphs)* *(Follow the outline below for each body paragraph) DRAPES - Does not have to be in order in each paragraph. You do not have to each element in each paragraph.)*
   a. Transition
   b. Topic Sentence
   c. DIALOGUE
   d. RHETORICAL QUESTION
   e. ANALOGY
   f. PERSONAL EXPERIENCE
   g. EXAMPLE
   h. STATISTIC

III. Conclusion
   a. Restate your thesis statement in different words
   b. Interesting fact about your information presented
   c. Clincher *(Rhetorical Question or Profound Statement)*