**Color Coded Writing Technique Guide**

# Introduction

1. **Hook:** Orange
2. **Topic:** Red
3. **Expansion:** Green
4. **Thesis:** Pencil (change to black once thesis is finalized)

## Body Paragraphs

1. **Transition:** Purple
   *Topic: Red (state the paragraph’s controlling idea)*
2. **RDFQ #1** (*RDFQ = Reasons, details, facts, or integrated quotation):* Blue
3. **Support** (explain your RDFQ; how does it support your claim?): Green
4. **RDFQ #2:** Blue
5. **Support:** Green

## Conclusion

1. **Restated thesis:** Black
2. **Expansion** (further explain your restated thesis): Green
3. **Universalize/Personalize/Synthesize** (choose your conclusion strategy/strategies): Brown

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*Inspired by Maureen Auman’s *Step Up to Write*"