Outline for Ahupua‘a Essay

Paragraph 1:
- This is your introduction. It includes a complete overview (in very general terms) of what your essay is going to be about.
- In this paragraph you need to answer the following main points:
  - **Main Point #1:** Define ahupua‘a (in terms of the land division)
  - **Main Point #2:** Explain how and why this land division was created.
  - **Main Point #3:** How did the ahupua‘a land division help the Hawaiian people maintain and sustain their resources

Paragraph 2-4 make up the body of your paper. They go into greater detail on each of your main points in your introduction.

Paragraph 2:
- This paragraph goes into greater detail on Main Point #1.
- In this paragraph you need to answer the following questions:
  - How and why was the name ahupua‘a given to this land division?
  - How was this land division ruled?
  - Explain each land division in ancient Hawai‘i and identify their ruler and his role.
  - What was the main resource that was considered when the land divisions were made? Why?

Paragraph 3:
- This paragraph goes into greater detail on Main Point #2.
- In this paragraph you need to answer the following questions:
  - Give the history of how the ahupua‘a system came about.
  - Describe the Kapu system.
  - Explain why the ancient Hawaiians created the kapu system
  - Describe the Makahiki.
  - Explain what the purpose of the Makahiki was.
**Paragraph 4:**
- This paragraph goes into greater detail on Main Point #3.
- In this paragraph you need to answer the following questions:
  - State how the Hawaiians shared resources in the ahupua’a and give details. (Example: Fish obtained from the kai could be traded for kalo obtained from the kula.
  - Explain how the kapu system supported sustainable use of the resources in the ahupua’a.

**Paragraph 5:**
- This paragraph is the conclusion for your essay.
- The first 2 to 3 sentences in this paragraph summarize your main points.
- After you summarize your main points, give your opinion about the ancient Hawaiian systems (Kapu, ahupua’a, Makahiki). State what you think about how they used these systems to manage their resources and why you think this.