Intro & Body Paragraph Rough Draft

Directions: Use the handouts from this week to begin writing your introduction and body paragraphs. Use the back of this sheet to begin writing. Pay close attention to the models and to the outline. See the rubric on the last page.

Introduction Paragraph Outline A. Hook Statement (1 - 2 sentences) to present the topic B. Author & magazine title with a short summary- (3 sentences) C. Thesis Statement (1 -2 sentences).	**Model Intro Paragraph:** Eminent domain, or the power of the government to take land from private owners in the name of the public good, has been a major source of controversy over the past few centuries. The most common defenses for eminent domain, while well-intentioned, are ultimately built on flawed concepts that go against the American value of individual freedom. Although eminent domain might benefit some people in certain cases, the ends do not justify the means; it is unethical and un-American to sacrifice the rights of the poor, the needy, and the few under the guise of "the greater good."
Body Paragraph Outline A. Topic Sentence (1st supporting point) B. Context for the Quote C. Evidence Source #1 D. Analysis/Commentary on the evidence E. Transition to the next supporting point	**Body Paragraph #1:** Eminent domain was originally intended to be used for public benefit, not for the gain of private corporations. Early in our nation's history, the federal government used this power to "facilitate transportation, supply water, construct public buildings, and aid in defense readiness" (Source A). Also, eminent domain was used to create "federal parks, preserves, historic sites and monuments" (Source A). Perhaps this was necessary in our country's beginning. However, now that we already have land set aside for public use, is it really necessary to continue forcing people off their private land? There must be a point when the public has enough, and we have likely reached that point. Almost every town has a public park, and most cities have several. Every state has monuments and historic sites for the public to tour. Also, we have public buildings, water supply, and transportation. How much more is truly necessary?