**Reflective essay outline**

1. Introduction
   1. A really great hook that will have the audience want to keep reading on (an example from the great writer David Sedaris, I always told myself that when I hit fifty I was going to discover opera, not just casually but full force: studying the composers, learning Italian, maybe even buying a cape.
   2. A brief little tease of what the story is going to be about. You'll probably need one to two sentences tops.
2. Body paragraphs
   1. Act I of your story
      1. What happened initially?
      2. Who were the key players?
      3. What obstacle did you have to overcome?
   2. Act II of your story
      1. Describe the obstacle/problem in more detail
      2. What role did the key players have?
   3. Act III of your story
      1. What happened at the end?
      2. Was everything tied up neatly or not?
3. Conclusion
   1. Summary of the events
   2. What lesson did you learn? Or, maybe, what was the lesson you learned much later on in life?