Signposting Sentence Stems

Signposting stems for an introduction
- To understand the role of … (your topic*) this essay aims to provide a discussion of … (the ideas you will develop)
- This essay seeks to investigate/evaluate/illustrate/discuss the impact of … (your topic) in relation to … (the ideas you will develop)
- Firstly, this assignment examines … (your topic) and its links with … (your first idea) Next, it closely examines … (your next idea) Finally, it focuses on … (your next idea)

Signposting stems for a paragraph which introduces or develops a new idea
- One aspect which illustrates … (your topic) can be identified as … (the idea you want to develop)
- The current debate about … (your topic) identifies an interesting viewpoint on…(the idea you want to develop)
- This first/next/final section provides a general discussion of … (the idea you want to develop)

Signposting stems for a paragraph which expands upon a previous idea
- Building on from the idea that …(mention previous idea), this section illustrates that …(introduce your new idea)
- To further understand the role of … (your topic or your previous idea) this section explores the idea that … (introduce your new idea)
- Another line of thought on … (your topic or your previous idea) demonstrates that … (introduce your new idea)

Signposting stems to sum up an idea in a paragraph
- However, another angle on this debate suggests that … (introduce your contrasting idea)
- In contrast to evidence which presents the view that … (mention your previous idea) an alternative perspective illustrates that … (introduce your contrasting idea)
- However, not all research shows that … (mention your previous idea). Some evidence agrees that … (introduce your contrasting idea)

Signposting stems for a conclusion
- This evidence highlights that … (sum up your idea)
- There is general agreement that … (sum up your idea)
- The strength of such an approach is that … (sum up your idea)

Signposting stems for a paragraph which offers a contrasting view
- Clearly, this essay has shown that the main factors which impact upon … (your topic) are … (summarise your main ideas)
- The evidence presented in this assignment has shown that … (mention the conclusions you have drawn)
- To conclude, this assignment has addressed a number of significant issues which show that … (mention the conclusions you have drawn)