Prompt: Imagine that one of your 5th grade classmates is interested in becoming President of the United States. In an essay for that classmate, outline the decisions that your friend should consider in order to become President.

Brainstorm:
Thesis Statement (Description Thesis Statement)

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Simple Thesis:

Becoming President of the U.S. is difficult because you have to be an expert in one area, you have to have experience in government, you have to have a college degree and you have to have support from family.
Content Map

Lots of school
- College
- Advanced college
- Good grades

Support from family
- Your own family
- Other family members in government or President!
- Have fun on the side

Becoming President of U.S.

Reads a lot/expert
- Is an expert on things
- Well rounded
- Has a lot of experiences
- Is interested in different things

Job in govt
- Senator
- Governor
- Mayor
- Attorney
- Professor
Organize Ideas/Develop a Topic/Format Text: Description Organizer

Introduction

- [Attention grabbing opener]
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![Image of President Jobs]

- [Format Text]
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- [Topic Sentence] Having a college education is important for the President.
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Fourth Characteristic

- [Topic Sentence] Being President is stressful and it helps to have support of family.
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Create Transitions

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Conclusion

- [Circle back to the attention grabber] As I have shown, being President has a lot of fun and exciting parts to it, but also has a lot of responsibility!
- [Explain personal meaning to the reader/to you] If you are considering becoming the highest leader of the United States, you will need to start thinking now about what you’ll need to do to get there.
- [Restate the thesis] One place to start is to outline the people you know who are in government and schedule a time to talk with them by phone to ask questions about what they were doing as a 5th grader to prepare themselves for government work.

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