Outline for a five paragraph Essay on the importance of open source software.

Thesis

* Open source software is a fundamental part of a modern society in digital age.
  + Because it offers peace of mind and security in knowing exactly how data  
    is managed and ensures that it is kept from prying eyes.
  + Looking past security; open software offers users the ability to tweak  
    software to meet their needs, this gives enterprise and government users the  
    flexibility that they need.
  + Open source software is not only free as in speech, but it is free as in a  
    gift, provided free to all, this has obvious financial benefits.

Body #1

* Security is a large concern for enterprise and home users alike.
  + In a post-Snowden world, the idea that know body except for a software vendor  
    knows exactly where data goes or how it is managed is something scary to many  
    users, open source software helps to alleviate these fears.
  + Corporate espionage is not an uncommon fear among enterprise users, this is a  
    reason that large corporations spend a large amount of money on security and  
    IT, while taking proper security measures is always necessary, open source  
    software is usually one of those measures.
  + Data stored on government machines is generally of utmost importance to  
    national security, so why would that be entrusted to Microsoft or any other  
    software vendor?

Body #2

* When it comes to software one size does not fit every user,
  + Businesses generally need specialized software to fit into their work-flow,  
    having this software tailor made can cost them a fortune, but they are able to  
    do it them selves using open source software.
  + Government users have needs like no others, with an endless amount of  
    bureaucracy and reports to be handled they require increasingly specialized  
    software in-order to function digitally.
  + The ability for vendors and companies to distribute and use different and  
    improved versions of different pieces of software creates a diverse and  
    competitive environment, pushing the limits of the free market.

Body #3

* Software can be expensive,
  + this can be a barrier to hardware manufacturers, who may be unable to provide  
    low priced products because they cannot offset the price of this software.
  + Without spending money on software, small businesses are able to spend those  
    funds on other things, growing the economy as a whole.
  + Free software removes one barrier that may prevent users from getting online  
    or doing the things they need/want with their devices.

Conclusion

* In conclusion free and open source software, FOSS, provides a unique set of  
  benefits to personal, enterprise, and government users,
  + as well as being a free alternative to things which do not offer these  
    benefits.
  + Benefits, which include added security,
  + and a great amount of customization.