

ESSAY PLANNING SHEET

1. The Introduction (First Paragraph)

Steps:

1. Introduce the essay's topic in the first few sentences.
2. Briefly list the important supporting ideas to be discussed in the middle paragraphs.
3. State your main idea/thesis in the final sentence. State your main idea/thesis here:

Wayne Gretzky is a hero who commands attention and respect

11. The Middle Paragraphs (Minimum of three)

Why?

Paragraph #2 ----- ? Topic Sentence: -----

Gretzky broke many scoring records

Detail Questions:

Which records has Gretzky broken?

(a) ----- ?

When did he break these records?

(b) ----- ?

How did he break these records?

(c) ----- ?

Why are these records important?

(d) ----- ?

Why?

Paragraph #3 ----- ? Topic Sentence: -----

Wayne Gretzky always showed humble behaviour?

Detail Questions:

How did Gretzky show his humbleness?

(a) ----- ?

On what occasions did he display humility?

(e) ----- ?

To whom did he typically show humble behaviour?

(f) ----- ?

How does his humble behaviour contribute to his greatness?

(g) ----- ?

Why?

Paragraph #4 ----- ? Topic Sentence: -----

Gretzky is a hockey genius.

Detail Questions:

How has Gretzky displayed his exceptional talent?

(a) ----- ?

When did it become evident that he was unusually gifted?

(h) ----- ?

(i) ----- ?

(j) ----- ?

111. The Conclusion (Final Paragraph)

Steps:

1. Restate your reworded main idea/thesis.
2. Briefly review your reworded important supporting ideas.
3. Provide closure sentences that comment on and/or broaden the context of your essay's thesis.

