

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:

11. The Middle Paragraphs (Minimum of three)

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

Detail Questions:

- (a) ----- ?
(b) ----- ?
(c) ----- ?
(d) ----- ?

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

Detail Questions:

- (a) ----- ?
(e) ----- ?

(f) ----- ?

(g) ----- ?

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

Detail Questions:

(a) ----- ?

(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.