

Thumbnail Sketch

Essay Plan—use this form to organize your essay. The topic sentences should be the first sentence to every paragraph, and the hooks are the last sentences in the paragraphs.

**STEP 1:** Rewrite your Essay Assignment on the lines below:

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**STEP 2:** Write your thesis on the lines below:

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**STEP 3:** List three or four main points or reasons that support your thesis:

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| 1. _____ | 3. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 4. _____ |

**STEP 4:** Write topic sentences for each of the main points, keeping in mind the Essay Assignment:

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
4. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**STEP 5:** Revise the topic sentences above (except for the first one) to include a paragraph hook or transition. Remember a paragraph hook repeats a key word or idea from the previous body paragraph to show its connection to the new paragraph.

2. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
4. \_\_\_\_\_  
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