**Essay Outline**

Name: Essay Question:

**INTRODUCTION**

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| **Topic Sentence**  *Define or explain what your essay is going to be about. This should grab the reader’s attention. It should not be a question, fact or statistic that requires a citation. If should be your own idea (1-2 sentences maximum).* ***WRITE THIS IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.*** |  |
| **Background Information**  *Include relevant information that will help the reader better understand your essay topic. This may include key terms, people, places and/or dates (4 sentences maximum).* ***WRITE THIS IN POINT-FORM.***  *Each piece of evidence must be properly cited in a bracket following each point.*  ***CITING (in bracket):***  *1. Author last name with page # (if applicable)*  *2. “Title of entry”*  *3. Title of the website or book* |  |
| **Thesis Statement and Arguments**  *Include your answer to the essay question and list of three arguments to prove your opinion (2 sentences maximum).* ***WRITE THIS IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.*** |  |

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| **Argument #1**  **SECOND STRONGEST ARGUMENT**  *Explanation of argument using specific examples and evidence to prove your thesis.*  *The link between the evidence and your thesis must be clearly stated.*  *Each piece of evidence must be properly cited in a bracket following each point.*  ***CITING (in bracket):***  *1. Author last name with page # (if applicable)*  ***OR***  *2. “Title of entry”*  ***OR***  *3. Title of the website or book*  *Refer to your works cited template for source information.* | **TOPIC SENTENCE** (*Define or explain what your first argument is going to be about in 1 sentence. Begin this sentence with a transition word).* ***WRITE THIS IN A COMPLETE SENTENCE.*** |
| **SUPPORTING POINT #1** *(State your first point supporting the argument using specific and relevant examples and evidence from your research notes. Include an embedded citation after each point. Refer to the citing note in the left hand column).* ***WRITE THIS IN POINT-FORM.*** |
| **SUPPORTING POINT #2** *(State your second point supporting the argument using specific and relevant examples and evidence from your research notes. Include an embedded citation after each point. Refer to the citing note in the left hand column).* ***WRITE THIS IN POINT-FORM.*** |
| **CONCLUDING SENTENCE** (*Explain how your evidence proves your thesis statement. This should be in your own words and not require citations).* ***WRITE THIS IN POINT-FORM.*** |

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| **Argument #2**  **WEAKEST ARGUMENT**  *Explanation of argument using specific examples and evidence to prove your thesis.*  *The link between the evidence and your thesis must be clearly stated.*  *Each piece of evidence must be properly cited in a bracket following each point.*  ***CITING (in bracket):***  *1. Author last name with page # (if applicable)*  ***OR***  *2. “Title of entry”*  ***OR***  *3. Title of the website or book*  *Refer to your works cited template for source information.* | **TOPIC SENTENCE** (*Define or explain what your first argument is going to be about in 1 sentence. Begin this sentence with a transition word).* ***WRITE THIS IN A COMPLETE SENTENCE.***  ***The health impacts of global warming are very important for people to be aware of.*** |
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| **SUPPORTING POINT #2** *(State your second point supporting the argument using specific and relevant examples and evidence from your research notes. Include an embedded citation after each point. Refer to the citing note in the left hand column).* ***WRITE THIS IN POINT-FORM.*** |
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| **Argument #3**  **STRONGEST ARGUMENT**  *Explanation of argument using specific examples and evidence to prove your thesis.*  *The link between the evidence and your thesis must be clearly stated.*  *Each piece of evidence must be properly cited in a bracket following each point.*  ***CITING (in bracket):***  *1. Author last name with page # (if applicable)*  ***OR***  *2. “Title of entry”*  ***OR***  *3. Title of the website or book*  *Refer to your works cited template for source information.* | **TOPIC SENTENCE** (*Define or explain what your first argument is going to be about in 1 sentence. Begin this sentence with a transition word).* ***WRITE THIS IN A COMPLETE SENTENCE.*** |
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**CONCLUSION**

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| **Re-State Thesis and Summarize Arguments**  *Re-state your thesis using wording that is different from your introduction.*  *Summarize your arguments and supporting points.*  ***WRITE THIS IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.*** |  |
| **Concluding Thoughts**  *Use thoughtful observations to reflect on the significance of this event or issue as it relates to Canada today(eg. Why is your essay topic important to learn about? Why should people care about this issue or event and reflect on it?)*  ***WRITE THIS IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.*** |  |

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