ESSAY OUTLINE

ESSAY TOPIC:

FOCUS QUESTION:

**THESIS STATEMENT:**

Issues arising out of the thesis statement will be argued in the body paragraphs.

FIRST BODY PARAGRAPH

**TOPIC SENTENCE:**

**Detail #1**

**Quotation #1**

**Explanation #1**

**Detail #2**

**Quotation #**

**Explanation #2**

**Detail #3**

**Quotation #3**

**Explanation #3**

**Concluding sentence:**

SECOND BODY PARAGRAPH

**TOPIC SENTENCE:**

**Detail #1**

**Quotation #1**

**Explanation #1**

**Detail #2**

**Quotation #**

**Explanation #2**

**Detail #3**

**Quotation #3**

**Explanation #3**

**Concluding sentence:**

THIRD BODY PARAGRAPH

**TOPIC SENTENCE:**

**Detail #1**

**Quotation #1**

**Explanation #1**

**Detail #2**

**Quotation #**

**Explanation #2**

**Detail #3**

**Quotation #3**

**Explanation #3**

**Concluding sentence:**

**THESIS STATEMENT RESTATED:**

**Edit and Revise**

**Things to keep in mind:**

* **Look for possible ways to make your essay sound more polished and professional.**
* **DO NOT use personal pronouns (ex. I, me, we)**
* **Avoid the use of words like “things” and “stuff”. Try words like reasons, effects instead.**
* **Avoid being wordy. Read through your essay to make sure you haven’t included any words/phrases just to make it longer.**

**REMEMBER:**

**A (Add)** – Are there any other ideas that you can add in to make your essay better?

**R (Remove)** – Are you redundant or wordy in some areas?

**M (Move Around)** - Would one supporting detail make better sense before another one?  
**S (Substitute)** – What words can you change to get that polished sound?