

# THE LEARNING CENTRE

## Essay Planning Template

### **Introduction (Paragraph #1)**

General Statement: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Thesis** Statement: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

### **Argument One (Paragraph #2)**

Topic Sentence: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Supporting Statements: (SEX = Statement, Explanation, Example)

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

Transition sentence: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

### **Argument Two (Paragraph #3)**

Topic Sentence: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Supporting Statements: (SEX = Statement, Explanation, Example)

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

Transition Sentence: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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### **Argument Three (Paragraph #4)**

Topic Sentence: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Supporting Statements: (SEX = Statement, Explanation, Example)

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

### **Conclusion (Paragraph #5)**

**Thesis** restatement: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

General Statement: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

General Conclusion: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Paragraph writing tip:** Each supporting statement within a paragraph should include...

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| <b>S</b> | Statement   |
| <b>E</b> | Explanation |
| <b>X</b> | Examples    |

**Writing tip:** Use connecting words and phrases to make your writing flow well...

**Editing tip:** Use the C.O.P.S. strategy to do a careful check:

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|----------|-------------------------------------------|
| <b>C</b> | Capital letters                           |
| <b>O</b> | Order and organization.                   |
| <b>P</b> | Punctuation – check especially for commas |
| <b>S</b> | Spelling                                  |