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**Formal Essay Outline**

**INTRODUCTION** Paragraph 1:

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| Hook (grab reader’s attention): |
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| Topic (Introduce my topic, including my author and text, and briefly discuss all of the points (ideas) I will develop within my essay): |
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| Thesis (your contract to the reader; be specific!): |
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**BODY PARAGRAPH** Paragraph 2: First point from topic section of my introduction that will prove my thesis:

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| Topic Sentence (use a transition phrase to move smoothly from the previous paragraph. Use similar wording as my thesis to ensure I make a connection: |
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| Three statements (make a statement about your take on the topic): | Three pieces of evidence (proof) that prove my topic sentence (from primary and secondary texts): | Explanation of each piece of evidence (explain how my specific piece of evidence helps to prove the topic sentence): |
| 1) | 1) | 1) |
| 2) | 2) | 2) |
| 3) | 3) | 3) |

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| Concluding Statement (exit gracefully by making a closing statement about your point (idea), while leading into your next point. Remember, you must tie this back to your thesis : |
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**BODY PARAGRAPH** Paragraph 3: Second point from topic section of my introduction that will prove my thesis:

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| Topic Sentence (use a transition phrase to move smoothly from the previous paragraph. Use similar wording as my thesis to ensure I make a connection: |
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| Three statements (make a statement about your take on the topic): | Three pieces of evidence (proof) that prove my topic sentence (from primary and secondary texts): | Explanation of each piece of evidence (explain how my specific piece of evidence helps to prove the topic sentence): |
| 1) | 1) | 1) |
| 2) | 2) | 2) |
| 3) | 3) | 3) |

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| Concluding Statement (exit gracefully by making a closing statement about your point (idea), while leading into your next point. Remember, you must tie this back to your thesis : |
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**BODY PARAGRAPH** Paragraph 4: Third point from topic section of my introduction that will prove my thesis:

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| Topic Sentence (use a transition phrase to move smoothly from the previous paragraph. Use similar wording as my thesis to ensure I make a connection: |
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| Three statements (make a statement about your take on the topic): | Three pieces of evidence (proof) that prove my topic sentence (from primary and secondary texts): | Explanation of each piece of evidence (explain how my specific piece of evidence helps to prove the topic sentence): |
| 1) | 1) | 1) |
| 2) | 2) | 2) |
| 3) | 3) | 3) |

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| Concluding Statement (exit gracefully by making a closing statement about your point (idea), while leading into your next point. Remember, you must tie this back to your thesis : |
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**BODY PARAGRAPH** Paragraph 5: Fourth point from topic section of my introduction that will prove my thesis:

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| Topic Sentence (use a transition phrase to move smoothly from the previous paragraph. Use similar wording as my thesis to ensure I make a connection: |
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| Three statements (make a statement about your take on the topic): | Three pieces of evidence (proof) that prove my topic sentence (from primary and secondary texts): | Explanation of each piece of evidence (explain how my specific piece of evidence helps to prove the topic sentence): |
| 1) | 1) | 1) |
| 2) | 2) | 2) |
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| Concluding Statement (exit gracefully by making a closing statement about your point (idea), while leading into your next point. Remember, you must tie this back to your thesis : |
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**CONCLUSION**

Paragraph 6

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| Warm-down (start to bring your essay to a close with a specific reference to your thesis): |
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| Summary (re-phrase the points you developed throughout your essay. This may take a few sentences): |
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| Memorable Statement (make a memorable statement about your topic in general): |
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