

Essay Plan Template

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Fill in each section before you start writing. Work top to bottom — by the time you reach the conclusion, your essay is already mapped out.

Essay title:	Word count / deadline:

1. Break down the question *What is it really asking?*

Command word (analyse, discuss, evaluate...) + the key terms you must address:

2. Thesis statement *Your whole argument in one sentence*

Your central argument — specific and arguable, not just descriptive:

3. Introduction outline *Notes, not full sentences*

Hook · background/context · key definitions · thesis

4. Body paragraphs (PEEL) *One main idea per paragraph*

Paragraph 1

Point	What is this paragraph arguing?
Evidence	Quote, data or example (note your source)
Explanation	What does the evidence show? Your analysis
Link	How does it connect back to your thesis?

Paragraph 2

Point	What is this paragraph arguing?
Evidence	Quote, data or example (note your source)
Explanation	What does the evidence show? Your analysis

Link	<i>How does it connect back to your thesis?</i>
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Paragraph 3

Point	<i>What is this paragraph arguing?</i>
Evidence	<i>Quote, data or example (note your source)</i>
Explanation	<i>What does the evidence show? Your analysis</i>
Link	<i>How does it connect back to your thesis?</i>

5. Counterargument (optional)
Strengthens your case

Opposing view + your response to it:

6. Conclusion outline
No new evidence here

Restate thesis (fresh words) · summarise key points · final insight

7. Evidence & sources checklist
Track as you research

List your sources and where each one supports your argument:

Plan done — essay drafted?

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