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Date: _____

Informative Essay Outline

Topic: (the title or topic of your essay): _____

I. Introductory Paragraph

- a. Opening Statement or Hook: How will you first bring the reader into your essay? What will you say to introduce what your essay is about? Think of this as a handshake with the reader.

- b. What else will you say to introduce your ideas? This is called background information.

- c. Thesis Statement: Clearly state your topic and explain your focus with three reasons. **THIS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT SENTENCE OF YOUR ENTIRE ESSAY, SO WORD IT CAREFULLY!!!** (List your reasons in the same order you plan to mention them in your body paragraphs.)

II. Body Paragraph #1

a. Topic Sentence: What will this paragraph be about?

b. Evidence: What specific facts or ideas are you bringing into play here? Be sure to include your full quotes and page numbers for each quote like this (Author, #).

c. Explanation of Evidence:

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e. Explanation of Evidence:

f. Concluding Sentence: How will you connect this paragraph back to your thesis? Write a sentence that explains how the evidence above proves your thesis statement.

III. Body Paragraph #2

a. Topic Sentence: What will this paragraph be about?

b. Evidence: What specific facts or ideas are you bringing into play here? Be sure to include your full quotes and page numbers for each quote like this (Author, #).

c. Explanation of Evidence:

d. Evidence: What specific facts or ideas are you bringing into play here? Be sure to include your full quotes and page numbers for each quote like this (Author, #).

e. Explanation of Evidence:

f. Concluding Sentence: How will you connect this paragraph back to your thesis? Write a sentence that explains how the evidence above proves/explains your thesis statement.

IV. Body Paragraph #3

a. Topic Sentence: What will this paragraph be about?

b. Evidence: What specific facts or ideas are you bringing into play here? Be sure to include your full quotes and page numbers for each quote like this (Author, #).

c. Explanation of Evidence:

d. Evidence: What specific facts or ideas are you bringing into play here? Be sure to include your full quotes and page numbers for each quote like this (Author, #).

e. Explanation of Evidence:

f. Concluding Sentence: How will you connect this paragraph back to your thesis? Write a sentence that explains how the evidence above proves/explains your thesis statement.

V. Concluding Paragraph

a. Summative OR "So-What?" Statement: Reconnection to the Thesis Statement: THIS SHOULD BE THE MIRROR IMAGE OF YOUR THESIS STATEMENT.

i. So-What version: "If everything I've said is true, so what? What's the point of all this?". Summative version: How can I sum it all up? Restate thesis in light of what you have proven.

b. Supporting Sentences:

B. _____

C. _____

D. _____

c. Closing Sentence: This is the final sentence of your essay, which naturally ends your discussion of the topic.

Notes (use this space to jot down any further notes/feedback you have on your essay):