

# Essay Format Template

## I. INTRODUCTION

### A. Background Information

1. General background information that grabs attention (reference)
2. More specific background information to lead into the thesis (reference)

### B. Thesis statement

1. Topic
2. Outline your key points

## II. BODY

### A. Support Paragraph 1

1. Thesis statement
2. Supporting Ideas
  - a. Reason/Detail/Fact and transition (reference)
  - b. More information and transition (reference)
  - c. Maybe even more information (reference)
3. Summarizing/Concluding/Transition sentence

### B. Support Paragraph 2

1. Thesis statement
2. Supporting Ideas
  - a. Reason/Detail/Fact and transition (reference)
  - b. More information and transition (reference)
  - c. Maybe even more information (reference)
3. Summarizing/Concluding/Transition sentence

### C. Possible Support Paragraph 3

1. Thesis statement
2. Supporting Ideas
  - a. Reason/Detail/Fact and transition (reference)
  - b. More information and transition (reference)
  - c. Maybe even more information (reference)
3. Summarizing/Concluding/Transition sentence

### D. Maybe even another Support Paragraph 4 (or more)

1. Thesis statement
2. Supporting Ideas
  - a. Reason/Detail/Fact and transition (reference)
  - b. More information and transition (reference)
  - c. Maybe even more information (reference)
3. Summarizing/Concluding/Transition sentence

## III. CONCLUSION

### A. Summarize/Review key points

### B. Concluding thought

## IV. REFERENCES (use APA or MLA format)