# Title of the Essay

• Create a clear and concise title reflecting your stance or topic.

#### I. Introduction

- 1. **Hook**: A compelling statement, anecdote, question, or fact that grabs the reader's attention.
- Background Information: Provide context and briefly introduce the issue or subject.
  This helps the reader understand the importance of the debate or the main issues at stake.
- 3. **Thesis Statement**: Present your argument or stance on the issue. The thesis should be clear, debatable, and reflect your position on the topic.

# **II. Body Paragraphs**

• Each body paragraph will cover one main idea or argument that supports your thesis. Organize these paragraphs from strongest to weakest or most to least important.

### A. Argument 1 (Strongest)

- 1. **Topic Sentence**: State the first reason or argument supporting your thesis.
- 2. **Evidence**: Provide factual evidence, research data, quotes from experts, or examples to support this argument.
- 3. **Explanation/Analysis**: Explain how the evidence backs up your argument and ties back to the thesis.
- 4. **Counter-Argument** (optional but recommended): Acknowledge a potential counter-argument and refute it to strengthen your position.

#### B. Argument 2

- 1. **Topic Sentence**: Present the second reason or argument supporting your thesis.
- 2. **Evidence**: Provide supporting evidence for this argument.
- 3. **Explanation/Analysis**: Analyze how this evidence supports your thesis.
- 4. **Counter-Argument** (optional): Address any potential objections and refute them.

## C. Argument 3

- 1. **Topic Sentence**: Present the third reason or argument.
- 2. **Evidence**: Offer supporting evidence.
- 3. **Explanation/Analysis**: Connect this evidence to your overall thesis.

4. **Counter-Argument** (optional): Present and refute any counter-arguments.

Repeat the pattern for additional arguments if necessary.

# III. Counter-Argument and Refutation

- 1. **Present Counter-Argument**: Introduce a significant counter-argument or opposing viewpoint.
- 2. **Refute Counter-Argument**: Provide evidence or reasoning that negates or weakens this opposing viewpoint.
- 3. **Reinforce Your Argument**: Show how your original stance still holds strong despite the counter-argument.

## **IV. Conclusion**

- 1. **Restate Thesis**: Reiterate your thesis or main argument in a new way to remind the reader of your stance.
- 2. **Summarize Key Points**: Briefly summarize the main arguments from the body of the essay.
- 3. **Final Thought/Call to Action**: End with a powerful closing statement that leaves the reader thinking about the issue. You may also suggest further research, policy changes, or personal action.