

ESSAY SCAFFOLD TEMPLATE

Name: _____

Class: _____

Date: _____

1. essay question



2. Plan



Topic / Focus



Key Ideas / Points



Text(s) / Examples



Author's Purpose



Audience Consideration

3. thesis statement



My answer / position is...

4. INTRODUCTION



Introduce the topic and context.
Present your thesis statement.

Write your introduction here.

5. BODY PARAGRAPH 1

1

Topic sentence – main idea of this paragraph.
Evidence / example.
Explain how it supports your thesis.

Topic sentence: _____

Evidence / example: _____

Explanation / analysis: _____

6. BODY PARAGRAPH 2

2

Topic sentence – main idea of this paragraph.
Evidence / example.
Explain how it supports your thesis.

Topic sentence: _____

Evidence / example: _____

Explanation / analysis: _____

7. BODY PARAGRAPH 3

3

Topic sentence – main idea of this paragraph.
Evidence / example.
Explain how it supports your thesis.

Topic sentence: _____

Evidence / example: _____

Explanation / analysis: _____

8. CONCLUSION



Summarise your main points.
Restate your thesis.
End with a final thought.

Write your conclusion here.

9. LANGUAGE CHECKLIST

- Formal tone
- Subject-specific vocabulary
- Transitions used
- Varied sentence starters
- Punctuation and grammar
- Spelling

USEFUL VOCABULARY & TRANSITIONS

ADDING

- Furthermore,
- In addition,
- Additionally,
- Moreover,
- Also,

CONTRASTING

- However,
- On the other hand,
- In contrast,
- Conversely,
- Alternatively,

EXPLAINING

- For example,
- For instance,
- This shows that
- This means that
- In other words,

CONCLUDING

- In conclusion,
- To conclude,
- Overall,
- Ultimately,
- Therefore,