**Essay Planning and Drafting**

**INTRODUCTION**

**Sentence 1: Introductory Contextual Sentence –** Capture the reader’s attention

**Sentence 2: TAG Statement and Background Data on the text**

**Sentence 3: State your position on the topic**

**Sentence 4: State Your Three Choices**

**1.**

**2.**

**3.**

**Sentence 5: Thoughtful sentence to transition to first paragraph**

**BODY PARAGRAPH 1**

Topic Sentence

Reason Sentence – explain the topic sentence

Example Sentence

Explanation Sentence

Concluding/linking/tie back sentence

**BODY PARAGRAPH 2**

Topic Sentence

Reason Sentence – explain the topic sentence

Example Sentence

Explanation Sentence

Concluding/linking/tie back sentence

**BODY PARAGRAPH 3**

Topic Sentence

Reason Sentence – explain the topic sentence

Example Sentence

Explanation Sentence

Concluding/linking/tie back sentence

**CONCLUSION**

Restate your position using different words (not the same words as those in your introduction)

**Some possible ways to conclude:**

* A summary of the main points (topic sentences), BUT NOT A REPEAT OF THE INTRODUCTION
* Your own opinion based on an evaluation of the information presented (avoid evaluating the text)
* Recommendation
* Comment on ideas presented