1 | Essay Template

1.1 | General Information

Due Date	Topic	Important Documents
In two days	God of Small Things	God of Small Things, Duh

1.2 | **Prompt**

Select one of the following citations from Roy's *The God of Small Things* for your in-class close reading writing. Be sure to examine the specific denotation and connotations of Roy's language.

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Chacko said:
- You don't _go_ to Oxford. You _read_ at Oxford.
And
- After _reading_ at Oxford, you _come down._
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"Down to earth, d'you mean?" Ammu would ask. "_That_ you definitely do. Like your famous airplanes."

Ammu said that the sad but entirely predictable fate of Chacko's airplanes was an impartial measure of its contraction.

1.3 | Claim Synthesis (Babingtonization)

1.3.1 | Development phase – How and So-What

- · CLAIM
 - How THING THAT ATTACKS INTERGRITY OF CLAIM
 - EVIDENCE and SPECIFICITY
 - So what (local), THING THAT ATTACKS THE RELEVANCE OF CLAIM TOWARDS THE BROADER PICTURE
- · CLAIM
 - Repeat...

1.3.2 | Testing phase - Why and So-What

- CLAIM
 - Why DOES THE CLAIM ANSWER THE PROMPT?
 - · So what (global), THING THAT ATTACKS THE BROADER IMPACT OF THE CLAIM
- CLAIM
 - Repeat...

1.4 | Defluffifying

CHOSEN THESIS CLAIM

· Point a

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- Point b
- Point c

So what? SO WHAT

Now, defluffify by re-writing the three points + so what in as little words as possible.

RESTATED CLAIM

1.5 | **Outline**

- · Claim 1: claim
 - How
 - HOW IS CLAIM TRUE?
 - Evidence -> HOW IS YOUR REASONING TRUE?
 - So What
 - · WHY DO I CARE?
- · Claim 2: claim
 - How
 - HOW IS CLAIM TRUE?
 - Evidence -> HOW IS YOUR REASONING TRUE?
 - So What
 - · WHY DO I CARE?
- · Claim 3: claim
 - How
 - HOW IS CLAIM TRUE?
 - Evidence -> HOW IS YOUR REASONING TRUE?
 - So What
 - WHY DO I CARE?

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