

USE THIS HANDOUT TO HELP BEGIN YOUR ROUGH DRAFT ESSAY.

Utilize your notes and essay outline to help!

- 1. Take out a blank sheet of binder paper and a black/blue pen. (no pencil!)**
 - 2. Begin your rough draft using this handout as reference!**
 - 3. Final Draft needs to be in TIMES NEW ROMAN, SIZE 12, DOUBLE-SPACED**
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Last Name, First Name

Teacher's Name

Class: _____ / Period: _____

Due Date of Essay - # month year

Essay Topic

Title of Your Essay

(indent first sentence of your paragraphs)

Intro Paragraph:

- Hook - use a scenario, quote, statement, etc. (stay away from questions)
- (3-5 sentences) Provide background information on the event/characters you will be talking about.
 - What should your reader know about in order to understand your essay?
- Thesis statement

Body Paragraph 1:

- First topic sentence
- Quote Sandwich
 - Who said it and from where / quote / citation (last name of author. Page #/Par. #).
 - Example: Anne writes in her diary, "...people are good at heart" (Frank. 189. 68).
 - Explanation of quote (2 sentences explaining why quote is important and how it supports your claim).
- Quote Sandwich (copy set-up above)
- Closing sentence

Body Paragraph 2:

- Second topic sentence and then copy set-up above

Body Paragraph 3:

- Third topic sentence and then copy set-up above

Conclusion:

- Restate your thesis in different words.

- Summarize what the reader should learn/take away from your essay. What can the reader do now or “take away” now that he/she read your essay?