

TOK ESSAY OUTLINE TEMPLATE

❖ Introduction (appx. 200 words)

- **Paragraph 1**
 - ◆ Identify your Essay Prompt
 - ◆ Create a KI with your prompt
 - ◆ Provide a thesis with an answer to the prompt
 - ◆ Provide a preview of the major points you are making (exploring 3 AOKs/WOKs in relation to the essay prompt is best)
 - ◆ Transition to the body of the essay

❖ Body (appx. 1200 words)

- **Paragraph 1 (An exploration of KI #1 using appx. 200 words)**
 - ◆ Provide your main reasoning why your thesis is true (using 1st WOK/AOK)
 - ◆ Be sure to identify your 1st KI and prompt again
 - ◆ Use a real-life example to justify your position (personal examples are encouraged)
 - ◆ Remember to use TOK terminology (AOKs and WOKs)
 - ◆ Transition to the next paragraph
- **Paragraph 2 (200 words)**
 - ◆ Provide a counter-claim to Point #1
 - ◆ Give an example or 2 why your thesis is wrong (or why point #1 is flawed)
 - ◆ Provide research to justify the counterclaim (outside examples are encouraged)
- **Paragraph 3 (An exploration of KI #2 using appx. 200 words)**
 - ◆ Repeat paragraph 1 instructions but use a different KI
- **Paragraph 4 (200 words)**
 - ◆ Repeat the counter-claim process
- **Paragraph 5 (An exploration of KI #3 using appx. 200 words)**
 - ◆ Repeat paragraph 1 instructions but use a different KI
- **Paragraph 6 (200 words)**
 - ◆ Repeat the counter-claim process

❖ Conclusion (200-250 words)

- **Paragraph 1**
 - ◆ Explain the importance of your thesis and KIs covered in the essay
 - ◆ Provide an alternate perspective to your thesis. (i.e. how would someone else in a different culture view your thesis?)
- **Paragraph 2**
 - ◆ Review your thesis
 - ◆ Review your main points
 - ◆ Sum up the argument