Outline Template and Guidelines for Essay

1. Introduction (*what you are going to say*):
   1. **Attention getter**: question, imagery, joke, fact/statistic, etc.
   2. **Signpost**: Name the 3 body points (*but no need to fully explain or describe them*)
   3. **Thesis statement**
2. Name of body point #1 as stated in the intro, used in a sentence that describes the point of the paragraph and directly supports the thesis
   1. Specific support statement/evidence 1 for body point #1
   2. Specific support statement/evidence 2 for body point #1
   3. Specific support statement/evidence 3 for body point #1
3. Transition from last paragraph. Name of body point #2 as stated in the intro, used in a sentence that describes the point of the paragraph and directly supports the thesis
   1. Specific support statement/evidence 1 for body point #2
   2. Specific support statement/evidence 2 for body point #2
   3. Specific support statement/evidence 3 for body point #2
4. Transition from last paragraph. Name of body point #3 as stated in the intro, used in a sentence that describes the point of the paragraph and directly supports the thesis
   1. Specific support statement/evidence 1 for body point #3
   2. Specific support statement/evidence 2 for body point #3
   3. Specific support statement/evidence 3 for body point #3
5. Conclusion (*what you said*):
   1. Summarize the 3 body points.
   2. Kicker: Rhetorical question or statement that restates the thesis in a different and summative manner (*now that the argument is completed*).
   3. Refer to a (slightly) broader purpose, situation, or fact that gives the essay purpose or in need of further attention.