

# Essay Writing Outline

Topic/Prompt: \_\_\_\_\_

## Introduction

<b>Hook</b> <i>-grab the reader's attention(dialogue, quotation, anecdote, fascinating fact, etc.)</i>	
<b>BS- broad statement</b> <i>-give a general statement about your topic that provides context</i>	
<b>TS- thesis statement</b> <i>-state your <u>arguable</u> position on the topic that you will support with evidence in your body paragraphs</i>	

## Body 1

<b>Reason #1</b>	
<b>Elaborate</b>	
<b>Example (SLACH)</b>	
<b>Explain</b>	
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<b>Explain</b>	

## Body 2

<b>Reason #2</b>	
<b>Elaborate</b>	
<b>Example (SLACH)</b>	
<b>Explain</b>	
<b>Example (SLACH)</b>	
<b>Explain</b>	

\*In the REAL world, you would have an additional body paragraph; however, for the purposes of the STAAR End of Course Exam, the reality is that you only have 26 lines to work with. You need to “go deep” with one or two supported reasons rather than “go long” with many reasons that lack support.

## Conclusion

<b>Restate your thesis – do not list it in the exact same way, rework it without changing the meaning</b>	
<b>Extend -go beyond, larger meaning</b>	
<b>Leave the reader with a thought -(question, challenge, solution, etc.)</b>	