

NAME: _____

**ENG 1101
Research Essay
PLANNING SHEET**

Title of your essay: _____

OPENING PARAGRAPH

Identify the subject

Identify your thesis:

Optional: Identify the source that most influenced your thesis

EVIDENCE #1

(one paragraph or more)

Topic Sentence 1: Identify the first point you are presenting to legitimize your thesis statement.

Support your first point with your own ideas (describe the situation, compare situations, offer a narration, detail the importance of the topic and your argument):

Reference one of your outside sources to support this topic:

Analysis: How and/or why does this point legitimize your thesis statement?

EVIDENCE #2

(one paragraph or more)

Topic Sentence 2: Identify the second point you are presenting to legitimize your thesis statement.

Support your second point:

Reference one of your outside sources to support this topic:

Analysis: How and/or why does this point legitimize your thesis statement?

**EVIDENCE #3:
(one paragraph or more)**

Topic Sentence 3: Identify the third point you are presenting to legitimize your thesis statement. (This can also be an opposing point of view)

Offer your refutation of the opposing view: if you did the above.

Reference one of your sources:

Analysis: How and/or why does this argument or point legitimize your thesis statement?

CONCLUDING PARAGRAPH

Topic sentence: Reassert the thesis.

Summarize the analysis from each section (you should have three points to summarize)

Conclude your essay with a final statement about the importance of your comparison