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| **ENG 1101****Research Essay** **PLANNING SHEET** |

Title of your essay: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

## OPENING PARAGRAPH

Identify the subject

Identify your thesis:

Optional: Identify which textbook source your essay responds to.

## 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