ESSAY HELPER
Your essay is a structured piece of writing in response to a question. It will be written in 3rd person.

*After you have planned your contention and argument, use this document to help you write your essay.*

**2. BODY PARAGRAPH 1:**
Follow **TEEL** to support your first argument.

Your essay will look like this when it is finished.

**USE TEEL to structure your body paragraphs.**

T: Write a **topic sentence** that introduces your argument. It should have the TOPIC (from the question) and a MAIN IDEA (from your argument).

E: Provide some **evidence** this is a quote from the novel that supports your argument.

E: **Explain** the meaning behind the quote and how it supports your argument.

L: **Link** your explanation back to your argument and the contention of your essay.

**\*\*\*** Remember this is one paragraph, so there should be no gaps, blank lines or subheadings.

**5. YOUR CONCLUSION:**
- Make your contention clear.
- Explain how your arguments tie together to support your contention.

- Explain what moral/message/ideas the author was trying to send the reader, in relation to the ideas presented in the essay question.

**4. BODY PARAGRAPH 3:**Follow **TEEL** to support your third argument.

**3. BODY PARAGRAPH 2:**
Follow **TEEL** to support your second argument.

**1. YOUR INTRODUCTION:
Step 1:** Introduce the text, the author, and your contention of your essay in one sentence.
**Step 2:** Include one sentence of basic background knowledge or key themes of the text that relate to the question
**Step 3:** Argument for Paragraph 1

**Step 4:** Argument for Paragraph 2
**Step 5:** Argument for Paragraph 3
**Step 6:** Link your ideas back to the original question by stating your contention (and the author’s point of view if you want to push yourself).