**What is an Essay Planning Sheet?**

An Essay Planning Sheet is a form used to plan an essay. Filling one out is easy: write your essay's thesis sentence in the first blank and then write the topic sentences of your body paragraphs in the appropriate blanks that follow. With this plan in place, writing your rough draft becomes much easier because your Essay Planning Sheet controls your essay’s organization and focus.

**Please remember this: until you can fill out an essay planning sheet, you are not ready to write the essay.**

Before you begin writing your rough draft of Essay #1, please fill out an Essay Planning Sheet by putting your essay's thesis sentence and your body paragraphs' topic sentences in the appropriate blanks.

Please submit your completed Essay Planning Sheet with your **final** draft.

Below is a blank Essay Planning Sheet. To see an Essay Planning Sheet in action, please go to the next assignment "The Milkshake Essay with its Essay Planning Sheet."

**ESSAY PLANNING SHEET FORM**

Name of Essay:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Essay's **Thesis Sentence**:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Topic sentence (Point) of First Body Paragraph:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Topic sentence (Point) of Second Body Paragraph:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Topic sentence (Point) of Third Body Paragraph:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Topic sentence (Point) of Fourth Body Paragraph (if you have one):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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