**Essay Planning Sheet: One form of pre-writing**

Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_                        Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Essay Plan**

**Paragraph 1 (Introduction)**

Engage (hook) the reader, and then make a thesis statement.  (The thesis statement tells the message about the topic—the point you want to make to the reader.)

**Paragraph 2 (first supporting paragraph)**

Your first supporting reason/evidence: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Details, insights, and examples to support your reason:

1.

2.

3.

**Paragraph 3** (second supporting paragraph)

Your second supporting reason/evidence: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Details, insights, and examples to support your reason:

1.

2.

3.

**Paragraph 4 (third supporting paragraph)**

Your third supporting reason/evidence: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Details, insights, and examples to support your reason:

1.

2.

3.

**Paragraph 5 (Conclusion—final paragraph)**

The conclusion restates the thesis creatively in one full paragraph:

**Write the essay:**

After making this plan, write your expository essay (which must be at least five paragraphs) from this plan.  Make sure to include supporting evidence for your thesis.  Remember to include a variety of sentences—simple, compound, and complex. Use a natural “voice” that is not too formal or informal.