

TOK ESSAY PLAN – OUTLINE

<p>Introduction</p>	<p>Define key terms – outline implications of key terms – state your main arguments in the order you will tackle them – state your main counterclaims in the order you will tackle them – state your overall conclusion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avoid dictionary definitions: what do the words mean <i>to you, in this context</i>? • What do these words imply in relation to the question? What other ideas / concepts do they suggest? • What are your main arguments, and in what order will you make them? • What is your overall position on the question? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “The title suggests...” • “In the context of this question, the word X can mean...” • “This implies that...” • “I take the view that...”
<p>Body 1</p>	<p>Topic sentence – reasoning 1 or example 1 – analysis – reasoning 2 or example 2 – analysis – counterclaims - conclusion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does the topic sentence directly address the question? If not, rephrase it! • Does your topic sentence reflect / repeat the first argument given in the introduction? • Is your reasoning valid? Do the conclusions fit the premises? Are any premises missing? • Have you used your counterclaims to help you assess the validity / logic of your claims? • Does your conclusion use the language of the title to emphasise relevance? • Have you checked your language for generalizations and blanket statements? • Have you avoided making absolute statements? (nothing is absolute!) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Thus”, “therefore”, “hence” • “For example...” • “This implies that...” • “There is a strong probability that...” • “Therefore it is logical that...”
<p>Body 2-8</p>	<p>Same, or: develop counterclaims in separate paragraphs (depends on length and breadth)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does your topic sentence reflect / repeat the second argument given in the introduction? • Have you used linking words (moreover, furthermore, in addition, in contrast, however) to connect paragraphs? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “However, in opposition to this view,...”
<p>Conclusion</p>	<p>Repeat main arguments – give your conclusion to the question</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have you used the most interesting / persuasive arguments? • Have you used the language of the question to emphasise relevance? • Don’t be afraid of repetition 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “to conclude”, “in conclusion” • “As I have argued / shown...”