Detailed Plan

You may complete your plan on this page (extras will be available), on the computer, or in your own format. It is expected that your detailed plan use full sentences and that all required information will be included. Essentially, you will take this plan and type it to create the first draft of your essay.

Introductory Paragraph Introductory sentence (this sentence should hook your reader into your topic) Main Point #1 (this is the first main idea that will support your thesis – this should be one clear and concise sentence) Main Point #2 (this is the second main idea that will support your thesis – this should be one clear and concise sentence) Main Point #3 (this is the third and final main idea that will support your thesis – this should be one clear and concise sentence) Thesis (this is where you made the clear and direct statement about what you want the reader to believe after reading your essay)

Body Paragraph #1

Introductory sentence (this sentence should be on the same topic as your Main Point #1 sentence from your introduction)
Supportive Point #1 persuasion fact / detail (this is where you include a research point, this information should be from credible sources and help to support your thesis)
Expansion of Supportive Point #1 (this is where you will connect your supportive point #1 back to your thesis, remember that you are trying to persuade the reader into having the same opinion as your thesis)
Supportive Point #2 persuasion fact / detail (this is where you include a research point, this information should be from credible sources and help to support your thesis)
Expansion of Supportive Point #2 (this is where you will connect your supportive point #2 back to your thesis, remember that you are trying to persuade the reader into having the same opinion as your thesis)
Supportive Point #3 persuasion fact / detail (this is where you include a research point, this information should be from credible sources and help to support your thesis)
Expansion of Supportive Point #3 (this is where you will connect your supportive point #3 back to your thesis, remember that you are trying to persuade the reader into having the same opinion as your thesis)
Conclusion and Transition Sentence(s) (this is where you will conclude this point, and lead the reader to the next main body paragraph topic idea)

Body Paragraph #2

Introductory sentence (this sentence should be on the same topic as your Main Point #2 sentence from your introduction)
Supportive Point #1 persuasion fact / detail (this is where you include a research point, this information should be from credible sources and help to support your thesis)
Expansion of Supportive Point #1 (this is where you will connect your supportive point #1 back to your thesis, remember that you are trying to persuade the reader into having the same opinion as your thesis)
Supportive Point #2 persuasion fact / detail (this is where you include a research point, this information should be from credible sources and help to support your thesis)
Expansion of Supportive Point #2 (this is where you will connect your supportive point #2 back to your thesis, remember that you are trying to persuade the reader into having the same opinion as your thesis)
Supportive Point #3 persuasion fact / detail (this is where you include a research point, this information should be from credible sources and help to support your thesis)
Expansion of Supportive Point #3 (this is where you will connect your supportive point #3 back to your thesis, remember that you are trying to persuade the reader into having the same opinion as your thesis)
Conclusion and Transition Sentence(s) (this is where you will conclude this point, and lead the reader to the next main body paragraph topic idea)

Body Paragraph #3

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Introductory sentence (this sentence should be on the same topic as your Main Point #3 sentence from your introduction)
Supportive Point #1 persuasion fact / detail (this is where you include a research point, this information should be from credible sources and help to support your thesis)
Expansion of Supportive Point #1 (this is where you will connect your supportive point #1 back to your thesis, remember that you are trying to persuade the reader into having the same opinion as your thesis)
Supportive Point #2 persuasion fact / detail (this is where you include a research point, this information should be from credible sources and help to support your thesis)
Expansion of Supportive Point #2 (this is where you will connect your supportive point #2 back to your thesis, remember that you are trying to persuade the reader into having the same opinion as your thesis)
Supportive Point #3 persuasion fact / detail (this is where you include a research point, this information should be from credible sources and help to support your thesis)
Expansion of Supportive Point #3 (this is where you will connect your supportive point #3 back to your thesis, remember that you are trying to persuade the reader into having the same opinion as your thesis)
Concluding sentence (this is where you will conclude this point, and lead the reader to the next main body paragraph topic idea)

Conclusion Paragraph

Introduction to conclusion (this sentence should re-introduce the topic of the essay, but should not state the thesis)
Main Point #1 (this is where you re-state but re-word your first main point)
Main Point #2 (this is where you re-state but re-word your second main point)
Main Point #3 (this is where you re-state but re-word your third main point)
Thesis (this is where you re-state but re-word your thesis)

Transition Words

Transition words help to create a well flowing essay. After you have written your detailed plan and first draft, use this guide during your editing process in order to enhance and strengthen your writing. This is not an all-inclusive list but rather a starting point for your essay writing future.

Additive Transitions:

Use these between your supporting information within your body paragraphs
Also, indeed, further, furthermore, likely, in addition, as well, additionally, not only
(this) but also (that) as well, moreover

Main Body Paragraphs:

To begin each of your main body paragraphs, you can use additive transitions or you can use a structure below.

First, Second, Third OR Firstly, Secondly, Thirdly OR Firstly, Secondly, Finally

Concluding Paragraph:

Your final paragraph should also begin with a transition. In conclusion

Re-Statement of Thesis in Conclusion:

These are used as a way to connect your concluding thesis statement to your conclusion. Thus, in the end, all in all