**Sample Outline**

**Step 1 = What am I being asked to do?**

Work the prompt- Brainstorm. Organize patterns of ideas with a brainstorm or chart.

**Step 2 =Paragraph 1= Intro sets the stage** –

Answer the prompt with a claim (thesis) and generally how you will prove it.

**Catchy opener:**

**Thesis or claim:**

**Step 3 = Body paragraphs = defending/ supporting/ showing**

Need topic sentences/ transitions at the beginning of each body paragraph that relate cack to thesis above:

**First sentence of Body I:**

 A. specific details/ support from text -

 B. specific details/ support from text-

 C. specific details/ support from text-

**First sentence of Body II:**

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 A.

 B.

 C.

**First sentence of Body III=:**

A.

 B.

 C.

**(Continue as before if necessary- there is no set number of body paragraphs- your body paragraphs are complete when you have thoroughly and completely answered the prompt and proven your theory)**

**Step 4: Concluding Idea – the last impression**

Now reconnect with the central point of the essay…universal insights- what about society? People?

NOT a repeat of thesis