

Theory of Knowledge – Essay Planning Sheet

Name: _____

Topic no.: _____

Topic Title:

Paragraph 1: Introduction.

Rewrite the essay topic legibly and highlight/underline key words:

List of **key words** including explanation on how **you** interpret/define them (**NOT** dictionary definitions!!!).

Complete the following sentence, answering the TOK Essay title (this is your thesis statement):

In this TOK Essay I will show / it will be shown

Paragraph 2: Here you support your thesis. **Complete it: In this paragraph I will show that.....**

Example supporting your thesis:

Explanation of example:

Reread your thesis statement ("In this TOK Essay I...." and the essay topic. Then read your example and its explanation. Do example and explanation answer the thesis? **Is there a clear link?** ___yes ___no

What area(s) of knowledge or way(s) of knowing are addressed in this example?

Is the example very specific to one particular event? Is it broad? To what extent can it be generalized? Are there limitations, exceptions? Look at the ways of knowing / areas of knowledge and try to find some "holes".

___ is a specific example ___ is a general example

Why? What exceptions are there?

Paragraph 3: Here you support your thesis. **Complete it: In this paragraph I will show that....**

Example supporting your thesis:

Explanation of example:

Reread your thesis statement ("In this TOK Essay I...." and the essay topic. Then read your example and its explanation. Do example and explanation answer the thesis? ***Is there a clear link?*** ___ yes ___no

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Paragraph 4: Here you support your thesis. **Complete it: In this paragraph I will show that.....**

Example supporting your thesis:

Explanation of example:

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What area(s) of knowledge or way(s) of knowing are addressed in this example?

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Paragraph 5: Conclusion - Do not introduce new ideas here. If you have new ideas, then make a separate paragraph out of it.

Reread your thesis statement ("In this TOK Essay I...." and the essay topic. Then in a line or two summarize your answer to this topic question, based on paragraphs 2-4: