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1. Introduction/Thesis

(a) On your essay, highlight your thesis. If this sentence were isolated and shown to another person, would they know what your paper is about?

(b) In the space below, write the stasis question that your thesis is answering. Would a rational person argue the opposite side that you are arguing?

(c) Write a sentence explaining how your thesis is relevant to the course. Write another sentence identifying aspects which make it your original thought.

(d) Write a sentence explaining why the information that precedes your thesis is necessary. If there are any sentences that follow your thesis, explain why you chose to not end your introduction with your thesis.
2. **Supporting Paragraphs** - On your essay, highlight the main claim of each supporting paragraph.

(a) Write a sentence explaining why the assertion of each supporting paragraph is particularly compelling. Why did you choose to include it?

(b) Write a sentence explaining how it directly supports your thesis.

(c) Answer the following about each supporting paragraph.

1. Is the paragraph’s main claim about the thesis?
2. Is every other sentence related to that claim? Label each sentence as *Reason, Evidence, Warrant, or Acknowledgement & Response (A&R)*.
3. Is there evidence from a text, either quoted or paraphrased?
4. If there is a quotation, is it necessary for the particular language in the text to be used, or could it be paraphrased?
5. Is there anywhere that you could apply the “Basic Principle of Clarity”? Is each sentence clear and concise? Scratch out every unnecessary word.
6. Does each sentence logically lead to the next by elaborating on or extending analysis of the main claim?
7. Is there any point in the paragraph where you appear to be thinking more than is written? Is something left incomplete, undeveloped, or imprecise?
3. **Conclusion** - Identify what makes your conclusion relevant to your thesis. Then identify the “so what?” of your conclusion.

4. **Works Cited**
   
   (a) What citation style are you using?
   
   (b) Does the essay have a works cited page? How many works does it contain? List the modules (Ontology, Narrative, etc.) that are represented.

   (c) Are each of the documents in the works cited page actually cited in the essay? Are the in-essay citations done properly? Are the citations done properly on the works cited page?
5. Assuming time were no constraint, write 3-5 things that you would like to do differently on this essay.