

## Just a Guideline—Not a Law

### Basic Essay Format

- I. Introductory Paragraph
  - a. Universal
  - b. Universal
  - c. Universal (Narrowing to theme or argument)
  - d. Introduction of authors & titles
  - e. Introduction of authors & titles
  - f. Introduction of authors & titles
  - g. Theme or Argument Statement
- II. Body One
  - a. Topic Sentence that introduces your first point and your first text
  - b. Evidence/Analysis
  - c. Evidence/Analysis
  - d. Evidence/Analysis
  - e. Evidence/Analysis
  - f. Evidence/Analysis
  - g. Evidence/Analysis
  - h. Tie Up Sentence
- III. Body Two
  - a. Topic Sentence that transitions into your next point and your next text
  - b. Evidence/Analysis
  - c. Evidence/Analysis
  - d. Evidence/Analysis
  - e. Evidence/Analysis
  - f. Evidence/Analysis
  - g. Evidence/Analysis
  - h. Tie Up Sentence
- IV. Body Three
  - a. Topic Sentence that introduces your first point and your first text
  - b. Evidence/Analysis
  - c. Evidence/Analysis
  - d. Evidence/Analysis
  - e. Evidence/Analysis
  - f. Evidence/Analysis
  - g. Evidence/Analysis
  - h. Tie Up Sentence
- V. Conclusion
  - a. Restate main points
  - b. Broaden out to universal
  - c. Final Statement