Essay paragraph planner

Name: …………………………………………

Unit: …………………………………………

Assignment question:

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Introduction planner

1. Provide background information to contextualise your essay topic
   
   e.g. There have been numerous contributions to the debate on ...

2. Respond directly the essay topic in a single sentence
   
   e.g. This essay will discuss ...
   e.g. This essay explores the relationship between ...

3. Outline the main points that will be covered in the essay body
   
   e.g. The essay will consider/review/discuss ...
   e.g. Firstly / secondly / thirdly / finally ...

* Visit Academic Phrasebank to find a useful list of common academic phrases used for a variety of purposes.
Body paragraph planner

Paragraph no.____

1. Topic sentence

2. Provide evidence and examples to support your point.
   
   *e.g. There is some evidence to suggest that ...*  
   *e.g. According to Smith (2002) ...*

3. Analyse the evidence

   *e.g. This case demonstrates how ...*  
   *e.g. This differs from Smith’s model in a number of respects. Firstly ...*

4. Will you make any conclusions based on the information in this paragraph?  
   Will you link to the next paragraph?
Conclusion planner

1. Restate your response to the essay question

2. Sum up the key points

3. You may want to relate the essay topic to the broader context (optional)

4. Do you have any suggestions for further research? (optional)