THE ESSAY ROADMAP (EXAMPLE)
(THIS IS WHAT YOUR ESSAY OUTLINE SHOULD LOOK LIKE.)

Paragraph 1:
Thesis Statement: Getting a college degree will help me build a better life for me and my children because I could get a better job, be a better parent, and feel better about myself.

Paragraph 2:
Support 1 Topic Sentence: With a college degree, I can find a better job.
   1. Get a less boring job
   2. Have more options for jobs
   3. Make more money and work one job, not two

Paragraph 3:
Support 2 Topic Sentence: If I had a college degree, I could be a better parent.
   1. Spend more time with them because I don’t have to work two jobs.
   2. Get them some things they want
   3. Live in a better place
   4. Be a good role model for them

Paragraph 4:
Support 3 Topic Sentence: Having a college degree helps me to feel better about myself.
   1. Get respect from others
   2. Respect myself because I achieved an important goal
   3. Go on to achieve other goals

Paragraph 5:
Most would agree that finishing my college degree will not be easy, but as you can see, it will be worth it.
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(Remember EACH paragraph must have at least 5 sentences!)

**Paragraph 1:** Triple Point Thesis Statement:

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**Paragraph 2:** Support 1 Topic Sentence: (Remember this needs to be a complete sentence.)

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6. _________________________________

4. Add specific details and example to support your topic sentence here. Recall that you need at least 3 points to back up your topic sentence!

**Paragraph 3:** Support 2 Topic Sentence: (Remember this needs to be a complete sentence.)

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**Paragraph 4:** Support 3 Topic Sentence: (Remember this needs to be a complete sentence.)

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**Paragraph 5:** Conclusion Topic Sentence: (Remember this needs to be a complete sentence.)

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