

## 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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*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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