

I) **Introduction:** Presentation of the Problem could be built by engaging audience in a scenario, statistics, questions, authoritative quote.

II) **Define Problem and present a well-reasoned argument:** What is the problem and its causes? Why is this a problem? What issues are involved in this problem? Why is it so serious? What are some of the negative consequences if the problem is not solved? What has done in the past to solve this problem? Why did they fail? What else needs to be done?

III. **SOLUTION:** Your solution should be the thesis statement of the essay. It should be precise and concise: Based on your research what is the best solution to solve your problem? Is it a program, a law, a policy, etc. Does it involve community organizations, school systems, local government, student organizations? It SHOULD NOT be something EVERYONE, or the NATION, or SOCIETY must do.

III) **LINK CLAIMS and EVIDENCE** about why you chose your proposed solution:

- 1.) Your ARGUMENTS: EACH CLAIM must be supported by EVIDENCE that includes: specific experts, data sets such as statistics, or research study by credible organizations NOT JUST WEBSITES.
- 2.) Your slides could include supportive data, images that highlight the claim, and/or a concise quote that includes an authoritative source.
- 3.) Discussion for possible solutions or causes for the problem MUST BE based on MULTIPLE DISCIPLINARY LENSES covered by your group's individual research Announcing the solution is the thesis of the proposal. Once you have identified the problem, you will in turn need to discuss the possible causes/ or solutions to the problem. You may discuss 2-3 alternate causes/solutions and each should be **believable and workable**.

3) **PROVE that your solution is better than the others:** Discussing the possible solutions should consist of examining the pros and cons of each, including your own. Be sure to address any concerns that your readers may have about your suggested solution.

Show how to implement your plan. What should be done? How should it be done? Give reasons why this is the best solution to the problem. What can be accomplished if your plan is implemented?

**IV) Alternate Solutions (Choose two alternate solutions and then refute them).**

What are the alternate solutions? What are the LIMITATIONS/IMPLICATIONS of each? Why is your solution better than these other solutions?

**V) Counterarguments (to your solution):**

What types of objections could be made concerning your proposed solution? Refute these objections. Explain why your solution is still the best, despite each objection. Tell why your solution is still worth implementing.

**VI) Options: Restate the problem and summarize your solution**

Summarize your argument regarding why the subject of your essay is a problem and why your solution is the best option.

Make a call for action to your audience to implement your solution and summarize the reasons highlighted in your essay.

Present a scenario of the possible consequences if your solution is not implemented.