**CLU3M Essay Template**

***INTRODUCTION***

* CONTEXT- PROVIDE BACKGROUND INFORMATION TO HELP THE READER
* CLEARLY STATED ARGUMENT (THESIS STATEMENT)
* A DISCUSSION THAT INDICATES THE PLAN TO PROVE YOUR ARGUMENT- THREE KEY POINTS TO PROVE THE STAND THAT YOU HAVE TAKEN

Do not do: THIS ESSAY WILL SHOW THAT… or

YADDA YADDA BECAUSE OF THIS REASON, THIS REASON AND THIS REASON.

* BOTH OF THESE STYLES ARE **NOT FORMAL**

***RECOGNITION OF AN OPPOSING VIEWPOINT***

* SHARE WITH THE READER THAT YOU ARE AWARE THAT THERE IS ANOTHER OPPOSING VIEWPOINT THAN THE ONE YOU PLAN TO STATE
* PROVIDE THREE OR FOUR KEY POINTS ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE ISSUE
* USE THE EXPRESSION “SUPPORTERS OF THIS….”
* FINISH THIS PARAGRAPH BY REFERRING BACK TO YOUR THESIS, RESTATING YOUR OPINION.

***PROOF (BODY) PARAGRAPH 1***

* THE FIRST ARGUMENT THAT WILL BACK UP THE FIRST REASON LISTED IN YOUR INTRODUCTORY PARAGRAPH
* THREE SUPPORTING PIECES OF EVIDENCE ARE REQUIRED IN EACH BODY PARAGRAPH
* THIS MEANS THREE PIECES OF EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT THE FIRST REASON FOR YOUR THESIS
* REFER BACK TO YOUR THESIS BY THE END OF THE PARAGRAPH

***PROOF (BODY) PARAGRAPH 3***

* THE THIRD ARGUMENT THAT WILL BACK UP THE THIRD REASON LISTED IN YOUR INTRODUCTORY PARAGRAPH
* THREE SUPPORTING PIECES OF EVIDENCE ARE REQUIRED IN EACH BODY PARAGRAPH
* THIS MEANS THREE PIECES OF EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT THE FIRST REASON FOR YOUR THESIS
* REFER BACK TO YOUR THESIS BY THE END OF THE PARAGRAPH

***CONCLUSION***

* RESTATE THE KEY POINTS MADE IN YOUR INTRODUCTION AND THROUGHOUT YOUR ESSAY
* NO NEW INFORMATION SHOULD BE INTRODUCED
* NEEDS TO BE IMPACTFUL, IT IS THE LAST THING THAT WILL BE READ AND LIKLEY REMEMBERED

***PROOF (BODY) PARAGRAPH 2***

* THE SECOND ARGUMENT THAT WILL BACK UP THE SECOND REASON LISTED IN YOUR INTRODUCTORY PARAGRAPH
* THREE SUPPORTING PIECES OF EVIDENCE ARE REQUIRED IN EACH BODY PARAGRAPH
* THIS MEANS THREE PIECES OF EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT THE FIRST REASON FOR YOUR THESIS
* REFER BACK TO YOUR THESIS BY THE END OF THE PARAGRAPH