**THEMATIC ESSAY OUTLINE**

Introduction:

Sentence 1: Attention Grabber/Hook: You may start with a question, famous quote, interesting fact, or an anecdote (story). You should write 1-2 sentences.

Sentence 2: Introduce the topic and give context and background information: Suggested entence starter: "Many people have their own depiction of the American Dream, such as..."

Sentence 3: Thesis statement (which includes your theme, the title of the play and the author).

Sentences 4-6: The three reasons to support how and why your thesis is supported throughout the play.

Body Paragraph 1:

* Topic Sentence/Reason 1: The first reason to support your thesis
* Introduce the quote #1 and connect it to the thesis.
* Cite quote 1: Include a quote (each quote can only be 1-2 sentences) from the play that supports your thesis
* Explain analysis for quote 1: Explain how that piece of evidence supports your thesis.
* Introduce quote 2 and connect it to the thesis.
* Cite quote 2: Include a quote (each quote can only be 1-2 sentences) from the play that supports your thesis
* Explain analysis for quote 2: Explain how that piece of evidence supports your thesis.

Body Paragraph 2:

* Topic Sentence/Reason 2: The second reason to support your thesis
* Introduce the quote #3 and connect it to the thesis.
* Cite quote 3: Include a quote (each quote can only be 1-2 sentences) from the play that supports your thesis
* Explain analysis for quote 3: Explain how that piece of evidence supports your thesis.
* Introduce quote 4 and connect it to the thesis.
* Cite quote 4: Include a quote (each quote can only be 1-2 sentences) from the play that supports your thesis
* Explain analysis for quote 4: Explain how that piece of evidence supports your thesis.

Body Paragraph 3:

* Topic Sentence/Reason 3: The third reason to support your thesis
* Introduce the quote #5 and connect it to the thesis.
* Cite quote 5: Include a quote (each quote can only be 1-2 sentences) from the play that supports your thesis
* Explain analysis for quote 5: Explain how that piece of evidence supports your thesis.
* Introduce quote 6 and connect it to the thesis.
* Cite quote 6: Include a quote (each quote can only be 1-2 sentences) from the play that supports your thesis
* Explain analysis for quote 6: Explain how that piece of evidence supports your thesis.

Conclusion:

* Restate your thesis in different words.
* Summarize the reasons to support your thesis.
* Leave the reader of your essay with a final, interesting thought.