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**First Main Point**

Discussion and substantive evidence from the research for your first key point that supports your thesis. This section should contain multiple paragraphs and will likely be approximately 30% of the assigned length of the essay (@ 1.5 – 2 pages for a 5 – 8 page essay). End by transitioning to your next main point.

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**Conclusion**

Restate the thesis to remind readers of the controlling idea / position of your essay. Summarize each of your main points and illustrate the connection between your supporting evidence and your opinion (rationale). End with a broad closing statement (big picture).

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