**Outline for Humanities Essay**

**Step 1**: Answer the question: Was the development of agriculture good for humans? Provide 3 big REASONS which are all different reasons to explain how you answered the question:

1. 2. 3.

**Step 2:** List facts you already know about the topic (be objective):

**Step 3:** Describe your point of view on the topic (be subjective):

\*Remember: a reason is an idea that supports your answer to the question. Your reasons will need evidence—facts! If you find your reasons don’t have any valid evidence backing them up (next step), you’ll need to modify your reasons. We need more justification… You aren’t credible without some EVIDENCE backing you up!

**Step 4:** Provide relevant EVIDENCE for each reason and EXPLAIN the importance!

Reason 1, 2 & 3: Evidence are facts, which you need 2 that you are quoting or citing from the text to support the reason

Explanation remember in order to fully justify your answer, your evidence has to be relevant to the reasons and support them. You demonstrate that connection in your explanation. \*Also remember it’s essential that your source is credible, because if it’s not, who is going to consider your answer valid or sufficient? Evidence for each reason validates your essay! Keep going!

**Step 5**: Conclude your essay. Re-state your answer and main points. Give your reader something more to think about…

**Your outline should look like this:**

**1st paragraph: Your answer to the question, facts and then your opinion about agriculture and perhaps how people changed over time**

**2nd paragraph: Reason with your Evidence (a citation or quote from a credible source) and your Explanation is how your evidence supports your reason.**

**3rd paragraph: Reason with your Evidence (a citation or quote from a credible source) and your Explanation is how your evidence supports your reason.**

**4th paragraph: Reason with your Evidence (a citation or quote from a credible source) and your Explanation is how your evidence supports your reason.**

**5th paragraph: Conclusion which is restating your first paragraph along with your reasons.**