

Essay Planning Form Can wealth drive us apart from others, especially those we love? Why or why not? Cite evidence from both texts to support your position.		Name: _____
Your thesis statement must contain two parts: * WHAT: What claim are you making about the text? * WHY: Why should we care? Why is your claim important? Your thesis should answer the "so what?" question. * HOW: How will you prove you are right? What are the main points (paragraph topics) that will help to prove you are right?		
Thesis Statement: 		
Body Paragraphs: Don't forget your AEC's and 123's! Assertion - Topic Sentence that supports the thesis; make sure to transition. Evidence/Back It Up – Evidence such as a quotation or significant detail; always include an MLA citation. Commentary - This is absolutely necessary. This is the place where you explain, interpret, analyze, and comment on how the evidence proves the assertion. Here is the time to demonstrate what you have learned. This is the 123 of the paragraph.		
Body Paragraph 1: Assertion sentence:	Body Paragraph 2: Assertion sentence:	Body Paragraph 3: Assertion sentence:
*Circle your transition word or phrase in the assertion.	*Circle your transition word or phrase in the assertion.	*Circle your transition word or phrase in the assertion.
Evidence: Example 1	Evidence: Example 2	Evidence: Example 3
Underline TIE	Underline TIE	Underline TIE

Commentary 1 st statement: 2 nd statement: 3 rd statement:	Commentary 1 st statement: 2 nd statement: 3 rd statement:	Commentary 1 st statement: 2 nd statement: 3 rd statement:

CONCLUSION