**Essay Outline: Rule to Live By**

**TOPIC:**

1. **Use the MLA format for your heading and page numbers.** ☐
2. **Introduction: Should be at least four sentences.** ☐

* Write your CLAIM. Restate the task using **KEYS WORDS.** ☐

**Paragraph #1 Introduction:**

Is it important and helpful to (take a stand against bullying, help the environment, or take care of your health)?

Why is it important to (take a stand against bullying, help the environment, or take care of your health)?

What steps can be taken to (take a stand against bullying, help the environment, or take care of your health)?

**Claim:**

1. **BODY PARAGRAPHS**

**Paragraph #2: Example #1 that proves why is it important and helpful to (take a stand against bullying, help the environment, or take care of your health).**

- Claim/Topic Sentence: (What is this paragraph about? **USE KEY WORDS!**) ☐

**Claim: It important and helpful to (take a stand against bullying, help the environment, or take care of your health) because…**

* **CITE EVIDENCE** ☐
* Choose a compelling **(powerful)**, relevant **(related)** quote. Quote with author’s name and page number. Use MLA format. ☐
* Use only ONE quote. The quote should only be one sentence long. ☐
* MLA format (author’s last name PAGE NUMBER)☐
* MLA format:

According to the author, “Just the weight of one person stepping on just the right spot on a slope of snow can cause the slab of snow to start sliding” (Jones 17). ☐

* Transition words or writing prompts (What does the text SAY? Found on page XXX in the writing resource packet) ☐

**Quote:**

* Explain the EVIDENCE/QUOTE **using at least three sentences**. ☐
* Vocabulary words from the TEXT (2) ☐ ☐
* Transition words or writing prompts ☐
* (What does the author MEAN? Found on page XXX in the writing resource packet) ☐
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**Explanation:**

**Paragraph #3: Example #2 that proves why is it important and helpful to (take a stand against bullying, help the environment, or take care of your health).**

- Claim/Topic Sentence: (What is this paragraph about? **USE KEY WORDS!**) ☐

**Claim: Another reason why it is important and helpful to (take a stand against bullying, help the environment, or take care of your health) is because…**

* **CITE EVIDENCE** ☐
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**Explanation:**

**Paragraph #4: Example #1 of steps that can be taken to (take a stand against bullying, help the environment, or take care of your health).**

- Claim/Topic Sentence: (What is this paragraph about? **USE KEY WORDS!**) ☐

**Claim: One example of a step that can be taken to (take a stand against bullying, help the environment, or take care of your health) is…**

* **CITE EVIDENCE** ☐
* Choose a compelling **(powerful)**, relevant **(related)** quote. Quote with author’s name and page number. Use MLA format. ☐
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**Explanation:**

**Paragraph #5: Example #2 of steps that can be taken to (take a stand against bullying, help the environment, or take care of your health).**

- Claim/Topic Sentence: (What is this paragraph about? **USE KEY WORDS!**) ☐

**Claim: Another example of a step that can be taken to (take a stand against bullying, help the environment, or take care of your health) is…**

* **CITE EVIDENCE** ☐
* Choose a compelling **(powerful)**, relevant **(related)** quote. Quote with author’s name and page number. Use MLA format. ☐
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* Transition words or writing prompts (What does the text SAY? Found on page XXX in the writing resource packet) ☐

**Quote:**

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**Explanation:**

**Paragraph #6: Example #3 of steps that can be taken to (take a stand against bullying, help the environment, or take care of your health).**

- Claim/Topic Sentence: (What is this paragraph about? **USE KEY WORDS!**) ☐

**Claim: A third example of a step that can be taken to (take a stand against bullying, help the environment, or take care of your health) is…**

* **CITE EVIDENCE** ☐
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**Explanation:**

**Paragraph #7: Examples #1 and #2 of changes that I can make to (take a stand against bullying, help the environment, or take care of your health).**

- Claim/Topic Sentence: (What is this paragraph about? **USE KEY WORDS!**) ☐

**Claim: There are several examples of changes that I can make to (take a stand against bullying, help the environment, or take care of your health). One example is… Another example is…**

* **CITE EVIDENCE** ☐
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**Quote:**

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**Explanation:**

**Paragraph #8:**

- Claim/Topic Sentence: (What is this paragraph about? **USE KEY WORDS!**) ☐

**Claim:**

* **CITE EVIDENCE** ☐
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**Quote:**

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**Explanation:**

1. **Paragraph #X Conclusion:**

* Restate the claim. ☐
* Explain the importance of the claim. ☐
* Make connections to each paragraph. List each of the important points and pieces of evidence that you made at the beginning of each paragraph in your topic sentence. ☐
* Summarize. ☐