3.5 ESSAY Format Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3 Ideas

5 Paragraphs

I.

1. ICD (interest creating device) 1- 2 sentences
2. Thesis statement 1 complete sentence
3. First statement of organization ("Sorg": a complete sentence and a subdivision of thesis)
4. Second Sorg
5. Third Sorg
6. Clincher sentence/transition

II.

1. First Sorg (complete sentence restating Sorg #1)
2. Explanation of support for Sorg #1
3. Explanation of a 2nd support (or additional explanation of 1st support) for Sorg #1
4. Clincher sentence/transition

III.

1. Second Sorg (complete sentence restating Sorg #2)
2. Explanation of support for Sorg #2
3. Explanation of a 2nd support (or additional explanation of 1st support) for Sorg #2
4. Clincher sentence/transition

IV.

1. Second Sorg (complete sentence restating Sorg #3)
2. Explanation of support for Sorg #3
3. Explanation of a 2nd support (or additional explanation of 1st support) for Sorg #3

V.

1. Restate thesis
2. Restate Sorg#1
3. Restate Sorg#2
4. Restate Sorg#3
5. Final sentence which goes beyond summary ("go beyond")
6. Sentences to connect back to paper and finish

Every 3.5 essay must have the following:

* At least five credible sources that support your thesis.
  + If you aren’t sure what this means, Google it. Not having credible sources can really hurt your grade.
* A format that is MLA adherent.
  + Use the example 3.5 essay as a template.
* A proper cover sheet and Works Cited page.
* An organization that focuses on supporting your thesis statement by using sources.

Prompt: Why should students in 2015 study one of the following topics:

The legislative process  
The incumbency advantage   
Landmark Supreme Court cases   
Civil rights  
Civil liberties   
Federalism   
Voting rights   
Campaign finance reform   
The role of media in politics

\*Remember, you need three broad reasons for your argument and two sources to back up each reason.