**Essay Planning Worksheet**

**Intro Paragraph**

**Hook or Attention Grabber**

**Information about how your belief was formed ( 3-5 sentences):**

**THESIS (Your core belief. Ex. “I am a decisive person.”)**

**Body Paragraphs**

**Topic Sentence (Your first example or reason of your core belief. Ex. “The first time I noticed I was decisive, I was six years old”.)**

**Specific example:**

**Elaborate on your examples/add details:**

**Concluding sentence** (Go back to your topic sentence to conclude your paragraph. Ex. “These are the reasons why I believe I am decisive.”).

**Paragraph2: Transition (However, Also, Moreover, on the other hand, in contrast, etc.)**

**Second example:**

**Elaborate on your examples/add details:**

Concluding sentence (Go back to your topic sentence to conclude your paragraph. Ex. “These are the reasons why I believe I am decisive.”).

**Paragraph 3: Transition (However, Also, Moreover, on the other hand, in contrast, etc.)**

**Third example:**

**Elaborate on your examples/add details:**

Concluding sentence (Go back to your topic sentence to conclude your paragraph. Ex. “These are the reasons why I believe I am decisive.”).

**Concluding Paragraph**

**Summary:**

**Thesis restated:**

**Final insight or intriguing question:**

Transitions Are The Glue That Holds Your Thoughts Together!

Timely Transitions:

Use these transitional words when you write to help your paragraphs flow smoothly.

**Words Used to Show Time**

first then afterward earlier

second later meanwhile at last

next soon before after a while

**Words Used to Show Sequence**

first therefore before this thus

secondly at this time previously finally

following this now at this point also

Words Used to Show an Example

for instance of course to demonstrate

to illustrate after all in this case

for example in fact

**Words Used to Show Conclusion**

in conclusion as mentioned earlier finally

therefore as I have said thus

to summarize as we have seen to sum