

# Reflective Essay Outline

## I. Introduction

- A. Hook: An attention-grabbing opening statement or question
- B. Explanation of the experience or event being reflected upon
- C. Thesis statement: A clear statement of the purpose of the essay and what it will cover

## II. Body

- A. Description of the experience or event

What happened?

When did it happen?

Where did it happen?

- B. Reflection on the experience or event

What did you learn from the experience?

How did the experience impact you?

How has the experience changed your perspective?

- C. Analysis of the experience or event

What are the implications of the experience?

How does the experience relate to your personal growth?

What would you have done differently?

## III. Counterarguments

- A. The argument that the experience was not significant or impactful

B. The argument that the reflection is biased or subjective

C. Refutation of counterarguments

#### **IV. Conclusion**

A. Restate thesis statement

B. Recap of main points

C. Final thoughts on the experience and its significance