

### Blank Template:

- I. [Write the main point of your introduction as a complete sentence.]
  - A. [Write your opening hook or context as a complete sentence.]
  - B. [Write your background information as a complete sentence.]
  - C. [Write your thesis statement as a complete sentence.]
  
- II. [Write the main argument of your first body section as a complete sentence.]
  - A. [Write your topic sentence for this section as a complete sentence.]
  - B. [Write your first piece of supporting evidence as a complete sentence.]
    - 1. [Write the specific detail or source as a complete sentence.]
    - 2. [Write the specific detail or source as a complete sentence.]
  - C. [Write your analysis connecting evidence to your argument as a complete sentence.]
  
- III. [Continue the pattern for each body section.]
  
- IV. [Write the main point of your conclusion as a complete sentence.]
  - A. [Restate your thesis in new words as a complete sentence.]
  - B. [Summarize your key arguments as a complete sentence.]
  - C. [State your closing implication or call to reflection as a complete sentence.]

### A Filled-In Example on Topic:

#### Remote work and urban economic development

- I. The widespread shift to remote work has created measurable economic disruption in major U.S. cities that requires policy intervention.
  - A. Downtown commercial vacancy rates in cities like San Francisco and New York have reached historic highs since 2020.
  - B. Remote work has fundamentally altered commuting patterns, retail foot traffic, and tax revenue streams in urban cores.
  - C. Thesis: Cities that adapt zoning, tax policy, and public space infrastructure to reflect remote work patterns will recover faster than those that do not.
  
- II. Commercial real estate vacancy is draining municipal tax revenue across major metros.
  - A. Office vacancies directly reduce property tax income, which funds city services.
  - B. CBRE's 2024 report shows office vacancy rates above 20% in 11 major U.S. markets.
    - 1. San Francisco has reached a 34% office vacancy rate, the highest on record.
    - 2. New York's Midtown vacancy rate has exceeded pre-pandemic highs by 40%.
  - C. Declining tax revenue creates a feedback loop that reduces city services, which further reduces urban appeal and accelerates population loss.