

# DEFENDS Planning Sheet\*

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*My quality goal for this essay/paper:* \_\_\_\_\_

*My quantity goal for this essay/paper:* \_\_\_\_\_

**D = Decide on your exact position.**

*My position:* \_\_\_\_\_

**E = Examine the reasons for your position.**

<i>For my position</i>	<i>Against my position</i>
• _____ _____	• _____ _____
• _____ _____	• _____ _____
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*Have I listed reasons for and against?*

*If yes, go ↓*

**F = Form a list of points that explain each reason.**

*Have I listed ideas that explain each reason?*

*If yes, go ↓*

*Place → next to ideas which I must elaborate or support with evidence.*

*If yes, go ↓*

**E = Expose your position in the first sentence**

*Write your topic statement below.*

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**N = Note each reason and supporting points.**

*Did I organize the ideas and supporting points for each reason of argument?*

*If yes, go ↓*

*Did I include examples that elaborate upon each reason of argument?*

*If yes, go ↓*

*Make sure I choose at least \_\_\_\_\_ opposing arguments to use.*

*If yes, go ↓*

**D = Drive home the position in the last sentence.**

*Write your last sentence below.*

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**S = Search for errors and correct.**

***Self-talk statements:*** \_\_\_\_\_

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