***Using evidence in historical writing….writing a research essay in Year 9 History.***

1. The ﬁrst paragraph should contain your opening statement, your contention, and at least four main points/reasons as to why this is so.
2. The next three paragraphs should elaborate on each point.
3. One paragraph for each point.
4. The ﬁnal paragraph should be your conclusion and sum up your points.

Your contention:

Your strong reasons (your three paragraphs):`

Your evidence (three pieces of evidence per paragraph):

Your conclusion (short summary of your three reasons)

Fill out this plan before you begin writing.

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| Introduction | Contention | Three reasons… | |
| Write your essay question here… | Write your argument here… |  | |
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| Paragraph One  Reason 1 | Topic sentence | Three pieces of evidence | Explanation/discussion |
|  | Statistic |  |
| Event |
| Quote |
| Paragraph Two  Reason 2 | Topic sentence | Three pieces of evidence | Explanation/discussion |
|  | Statistic |  |
| Event |
| Quote |
| Paragraph Three  Reason 3 | Topic sentence | Three pieces of evidence | Explanation/discussion |
|  | Statistic |  |
| Event |
| Quote |
| Conclusion | Summary of main points | | |
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