Banality of Evil Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Essay Outline Period: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Outlining the Essay**

**Introduction**

The essay portion of the Banality of Evil project synthesizes several sources to create a connection on how the event you have chosen from “Atrocities: The 100 Deadliest Episodes in Human History” contributes to Arendt’s concept of “The Banality of Evil.”

This outline will help you organize your thoughts and the structure of your essay.

**Outline**

Your atrocity: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Introduction
   1. Hook
   2. Background (Define and describe the concept of “Banality of Evil” in your own terms)
   3. Thesis
2. Connection to *Night*
   1. Summarize the relevant elements of Night.
   2. Explanation of how *Night* fulfills Arendt’s concepts of “Banality of Evil.”
3. Connection to your atrocity
   1. Summarize the events of your atrocity.
   2. Explanation of how your atrocity fulfills—or does not fulfill--Arendt’s concept of “Banality of Evil.”
4. Connection between your atrocity and *Night*
   1. Connect your atrocity’s events to similar events from *Night*.
   2. Explain how people today can work to combat the Banality of Evil.
5. Conclusion

**Sources & Citations**

You need at least a minimum of four sources for this essay:

* Arendt’s concept of “The Banality of Evil”
* *Two* reputable sources about your atrocity
* *Night* by Elie Wiesel.
* Other sources you think will assist your argument.

Be sure to think carefully about how you will incorporate the sources into each paragraph of your text. Good MEL-Con paragraphs utilize *several* citations from a source to make a point.

To help you properly cite the sources, go to <http://www.easybib.com> and complete the citation processes in **MLA format**. You can copy and paste the bibliography into your final document on the Works Cited page. Purdue OWL is also the Holy Grail for MLA Citations.

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| **I. Introduction** | |
| Hook |  |
| Background |  |
| Thesis |  |
| **II. Connection to *Night*** | |
| **Summarize the relevant elements of *Night*** | |
| Main Idea |  |
| Evidence/ Explanation |  |
| Link to Main Idea |  |
| **Explanation of how *Night* fulfills Arendt’s concepts of “Banality of Evil.”** | |
| Main Idea |  |
| Evidence/ Explanation |  |
| Link to Main Idea |  |

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| **III. Connection to your atrocity** | |
| **Summarize the events of your atrocity** | |
| Main Idea |  |
| Evidence/ Explanation |  |
| Link to Main Idea |  |
| **Explanation of how your atrocity fulfills—or does not fulfill--Arendt’s concept of “Banality of Evil.”** | |
| Main Idea |  |
| Evidence/ Explanation |  |
| Link to Main Idea |  |
| **IV. Connection between your atrocity and *Night*** | |
| **Connect your atrocity’s events to similar events from *Night*** | |
| Main Idea |  |
| Evidence/ Explanation |  |
| Link to Main Idea |  |

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| **Explain how people today can work to combat the Banality of Evil.** | |
| Main Idea |  |
| Evidence/ Explanation |  |
| Link to Main Idea |  |
| **V. Conclusion** | |
| Final Thoughts |  |