**Position Essay Final Format**

**ENG 110**

As you prepare your essay for submission, please identify the following components. These basic components are in every well-written paper, so mark your paper as described below. Major point deductions will result for failure to comply with these requirements.

**1. Thesis – Bold: The thesis statement is the single sentence in your essay that conveys the central idea. It is the sentence that tells your reader what your essay is about. It addresses your topic directly and states the main point of the essay. It should also forecast the order of the paragraphs [arguments or ideas] to follow. Frequently, it is the last sentence in your introduction. In your paper, BOLD your THESIS.**

*2. Transitions – Italicize: Transitions are the connections (a word, phrase, clause, or sentence,)* ***between*** *two paragraphs, contributing to****cohesion in your essay****. Use appropriate transitions to fit whatever signals you are trying to convey in the flow of your ideas. In your paper, ITALICIZE your TRANSITIONS (A good way to transition is to summarize previous point and preview the one coming.) Also, do not italicize unless there is a transition—and if not, fix it!*

3. Topic Sentence – Underline: A topic sentence is a sentence that captures the meaning of the entire paragraph or group of sentences. It tells what the paragraph is mainly about. It almost always is the first sentence in each paragraph. It is the first part of the PPE (point, proof, explain) paragraph model. UNDERLINE the TOPIC SENTENCE in each paragraph.

**4. Conclusion -- Bold: Your conclusion should restate the thesis of your paper. Remind your reader what your main point was. For this paper, your conclusion should also restate the insight you gained from your analysis. BOLD the restatement of the thesis in your conclusion.**