**Expanded Outline Template**

Title of your essay:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Don’t just call it –Odyssey Essay- ; be creative!

*I. Introductory Paragraph*

A. Motivator: **or attention-grabber- get the reader’s attention by giving a surprising fact, telling an anecdote that relates to the essay, using a quote, etc.**

B. Claim/Thesis statement: **A thesis that states the argument your paper is making.**

C. Blueprint: **outlines the evidence you will present to prove your point – a list of the upcoming evidence**

***II. First Body Paragraph***

***A. Topic sentence*: What is your first obstacle?**

**Getting in to Berklee School of Music**

***B. Specific detail/support*: Explain in detail.**

**In order to gain admission to the school, a person needs to pass a performance audition proving they deserve a place more than other people.**

***C. Specific detail/support*: What obstacle from the Odyssey does it relate to?**

**Test of the Bow**

***D. Specific detail/support*: Explain this obstacle in detail.**

**Ody’s wife Penelope is surrounded by people who want to marry her. In order to delay marrying them, she proposes a contest where they have to string and shoot Ody’s bow. Only O. is able to do it, proving he is worthy of being with his wife.**

***E. Specific detail/support*: Why/how are these two obstacles similar?**

**These situations are similar b/c in each case, competition needs to be defeated so the journey can continue. (how will you defeat ?)**

**F. Transition sentence: Something like “After I defeat this obstacle, I will face another . . . “**

*III. Second Body Paragraph*

***A. Topic sentence*: What is your first obstacle?**

***B. Specific detail/support*: Explain in detail.**

***C. Specific detail/support*: What obstacle from the Odyssey does it relate to?**

***D. Specific detail/support*: Explain this obstacle in detail.**

***E. Specific detail/support*: Why/how are these two obstacles similar?**

**F. Transition sentence: Something like “After I defeat this obstacle, I will face another . . . “**

*IV. Third Body Paragraph*

***A. Topic sentence*: What is your first obstacle?**

***B. Specific detail/support*: Explain in detail.**

***C. Specific detail/support*: What obstacle from the Odyssey does it relate to?**

***D. Specific detail/support*: Explain this obstacle in detail.**

***E. Specific detail/support*: Why/how are these two obstacles similar?**

**F. Transition sentence: Something like “After I defeat this obstacle, I will face another . . . “**

*V. Conclusion*

A. Reworded thesis statement: **basically reminds the reader what point the paper has argued – in other words, you paraphrase the thesis you used already.**

B. Summarized evidence: **basically, a paraphrase of the blueprint you used in the introduction.**

C. Clincher: **a ‘knockout punch’ that that may reinforce an overall argument or leave the reader with an intriguing thought, question or quotation. The idea is to "clinch" or seize the reader's attention until the very end, finishing a piece of writing in a way that feels complete.**