***Two possible options for Summary/Response Organization***

**ONE organizational plan for the Sum/Res**

I. Introduction (1 paragraph)

A. Introduce the article by providing the title of the article and the author's name, and perhaps a small amount of information about the author.

B. State the thesis for the essay

C. State your thesis for your essay

II. Summary: (1-2 paragraphs)

\*Remember your summary should be in your own words and should include overt references to the author throughout (According to Smith…Smith further suggests… etc.).

A. Stage of Thought (SOT) 1

B. SOT 2

C. SOT 3

D. SOT 4

E. Etc. (You may have 4-8 stage of thought/sub points in your summary depending on the article/essay you choose.)

III. Response Section: (4-8 paragraphs)

A. Respond to SOT 1 by stating whether you agree or disagree and offer explanation and proof to defend your point of view.

B. Respond to SOT 2 in same manner, providing a good transition (agree/disagree)

C. Respond to SOT 3 in same manner (agree/disagreed)

D. Respond to SOT 4 in same manner (agree/disagreed)

E. ETC.

IV. Conclusion

**Another organizational plan for the Sum/Res**

I. Introduction/Summary (2-3 paragraphs)

A. Introduce the article by providing the title of the article and the author's name, and perhaps a small amount of information about the author.

B. State the thesis for the essay

C. State your thesis for your essay

D. Summarize the article/essay’s SOTs (see above)

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II. Response Section: (5 paragraphs)

1. WORLD VIEW
   1. Discuss connections of the topic to our WORLD by explaining how the topic effects the general world around us. For example: do all countries view divorce in the same way the author does (think gov’t/political views of different countries)? What differences and similarities do you see in the way other cultures treat divorce? (Remember to refer back to the article for specific ideas/SOT connections.)
2. CULTURAL VIEW
   1. Discuss connections of the topic to your CULTURE by explaining how the topic effects the culture with which you identify. For example: how does your specific culture’s views of divorce connect or differ from that of the author’s? (Remember to refer back to the article for specific ideas/SOT connections.)
3. SOCIETAL VIEW
   1. Discuss connections of the topic to your SOCIETY by explaining how the topic effects our society. For example: how do Americans’ views of divorce connect or differ from that of the author’s? (Remember to refer back to the article for specific ideas/SOT connections.)
4. COMMUNITY VIEW
   1. Discuss connections of the topic to your COMMUNITY by explaining how the topic effects the community in which you live. For example: how do Americans’ views of divorce connect or differ from that of the author’s? (Remember to refer back to the article for specific ideas/SOT connections.)
5. PERSONAL VIEW
   1. Discuss connections of the topic to your own PERSONAL life by explaining how the topic effects you personally. For example: how do your views of divorce connect or differ from that of the author’s? (Remember to refer back to the article for specific ideas/SOT connections.)

III. Conclusion