**Persuasive Essay Outline**

1. **Hook**: *(This essay did not have a hook. However, if I were to create one this is how it might look: No one would ever want to hear these words, "We the jury, find the defendant guilty." Imagine, though, if you also heard that you were sentenced to die.)*
2. **TELL ME WHAT YOU**'RE GOING TO TELL ME -**Main Argument**: Capital punishment should be stopped.
   * 1. **1st supporting argument** *(2nd strongest reason):* because it is morally wrong,
     2. **2nd supporting argument** *(least strongest reason):* expensive,
     3. **3rd supporting argument** *(strongest reason):* and such a slow process.
3. **TELL ME - 1st supporting argument** *(2nd strongest reason):* because it is morally wrong
   * 1. **#1 proof** *(facts, examples, quotes, stories):* we are following the criminals' example by doing something equally as bad ourselves
     2. **#2 proof** *(facts, examples, quotes, stories):* taking one life for another life
     3. **#3 proof** *(facts, examples, quotes, stories):* a chance that a mistake will be made
4. **2nd supporting argument** *(least strongest reason):* expensive
   * 1. **#1 proof** *(facts, examples, quotes, stories):* States with the death penalty use taxes to pay these expenses.
     2. **#2 proof** *(facts, examples, quotes, stories):* Over the past 13 years, Florida has spent $57 million to carry out 18 executions.
     3. **#3 proof** *(facts, examples, quotes, stories):* If you divide this dollar amount by the number of executions, you come up with a cost of $3.2 million for each execution.
5. **3rd supporting argument** *(strongest reason):* such a slow process
   * 1. **#1 proof** *(facts, examples, quotes, stories):* 97% of all death-row prisoners are not exeuted on time.
     2. **#2 proof** *(facts, examples, quotes, stories):* If the U.S. legal system executed one inmate every day, it would still take 30 years to empty all of the cells on death row.
     3. **#3 proof** *(facts, examples, quotes, stories):* *(This essay did not have a 3rd form of proof. However, if I were to create one this is how it might look.)*
6. **Opposing Viewpoint:** *(This essay did not have an opposing viewpoint. However, if I were to create one this is how it might look: Convicts on death row deserve to die because of the horrendous crimes that they have committed.*
   * 1. **Challenge:** (This essay did not have a challenge. However, if I were to create one this is how it might look: a convict's crime may be *horrendous, but it is our responsiblity to try and rehabilitate them instead of killing them.)*
7. **TELL ME WHAT YOU JUST TOLD ME - Main Argument:**  Capital punishment should be dropped from our legal system.
   * 1. **1st supporting argument** *(2nd strongest reason):* morally wrong
     2. **2nd supporting argument** *(least strongest reason):* expensive
     3. **3rd supporting argument** *(strongest reason):* slow process