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Essay Planning Map

The diagram is a flowchart for essay planning. On the left is a large box labeled 'Thesis:'. Three lines connect it to three boxes in the center, labeled '1.', '2.', and '3.'. Each of these boxes is connected to three smaller boxes on the right, labeled '1a.', '1b.', '1c.' for the first; '2a.', '2b.', '2c.' for the second; and '3a.', '3b.', '3c.' for the third. A large bracket on the right groups all these sub-points and points to a final box labeled 'Conclusion:'. Below the diagram are four boxes, each with an upward-pointing arrow. The first arrow points to the Thesis box. The second arrow points to the three Main Reasons boxes. The third arrow points to the three Evidence boxes. The fourth arrow points to the Conclusion box.

Thesis:

1.

1a.

1b.

1c.

2.

2a.

2b.

2c.

3.

3a.

3b.

3c.

Conclusion:

Thesis: This is a statement that describes what you intend to prove in the essay.

Main Reasons: Briefly state three main reasons that would convince someone that your thesis is valid. Keep these BIG so that you can expand on them.

Evidence: What is the text evidence/personal detail to support each of your main reasons and thesis.

Conclusion: Conclude your argument by summarizing the most important details of the argument and stating once again your thesis.