Essay Structure

Introduction:

1. Hook or general statement: something about people’s paths in life, big choices, or related to college/career.

2. Background information

3. Transition to thesis

4. Thesis statement: which college, major and career you would choose.

Body Paragraphs:

1. Topic sentence: what’s this paragraph about?

2. Explain the topic sentence.

3. Introduce your evidence

4. Insert your evidence—ideally, this should be SHORTER than one sentence, and just use a few key words or statistics.

5. Add your citation (Author Last Name Page #) or (“Article Name”).

6. EXPLAIN YOUR EVIDENCE. Why did you include this fact from the website? What does it mean to you?

7. Concluding sentence.