TOK essay planning sheet

Use this sheet to plan your TOK essay for the May 2027 titles. Fill it in before your first teacher interaction and update it as you draft.

Title and key terms

Prescribed title, copied exactly from your school's sheet:

Key term	Possible meanings

Knowledge question

What would make the answer "yes"? What would make it "no"?

My knowledge question, using TOK concepts such as evidence, certainty, justification or interpretation:

Area of knowledge 1: _____

Part	My notes
Claim	
Example	
Counterclaim	
Example	
Evaluation	

Area of knowledge 2: _____

Part	My notes
Claim	
Example	
Counterclaim	
Example	
Evaluation	

Conclusion

My answer to the title, how far it holds, and one implication:

Word budget

Section	Target	My draft
Introduction	150	
Area of knowledge 1	600	
Area of knowledge 2	600	
Conclusion	200	
Total	1,550	

The limit is 1,600 words. Quotations count. References and the bibliography don't.

Teacher interactions

- First interaction, date and notes:
- Comments on my draft, and what I will change:
- Final interaction, date and notes:

Final checks

- The title is copied exactly, word for word.
- The essay is 1,600 words or fewer.
- Every claim has a specific, named example.
- Each main section ends with an evaluation that answers the title.
- Both areas of knowledge match what the title asks for.
- Every source, including any AI tool, is acknowledged and referenced.