**Essays 101:**

-types (opinion, expository, argumentative, compare & contrast, biographical or historical)…

-formats: MLA; APA; Chicago…

-title page…

-quote…

-intro/thesis…

-3 paragraphs with min. 2 sources…

-when to indent paragraphs…

-numbering pages…

-quotes

-(Title or author + p.#) (or no brackets if source is mentioned in sentence)…  
 -periods after closing bracket. ..

-FOOTNOTES…

-When to put ONLY the page # in brackets…

-Years/stats must be cited the same way direct quotes are.

-Conclusion: NO NEW POINTS! Contrary to popular belief, this does not mean simply summarizing what you have already said. Instead, you should tie together the things you have been talking about and discuss their significance and how they relate to each other.   
  
-“however”…/prepositions/ and, because, I… (One could argue…)  
-…

-(sic)

-commas after “and”

-bibliography (format…. Google…. Wikipedia…)

-1st draft important (spelling, run-on’s, fragments, irrelevant points…)

 Start early. Don't try to go through all of these steps the night before the paper is due. It takes time to formulate and organize your ideas.

 Pay attention to the order of your body paragraphs. Each paragraph should flow smoothly from the last one, so put paragraphs that have a natural relationship with each other together, and find ways to transition between paragraphs that don't.

 Don't go it alone.

 Know your instructor's expectations.