



***NATI1005EA– Introduction to Native Studies  
Example Essay Layout***

**INTRODUCTION**

- State thesis; introductory thoughts; highlight what will be discussed in the essay.

**BODY: SOCIAL**

- Discuss the social aspects of the Native group / nation.
- What is the social structure of the group?
- Here one could talk about their dialect; is it a common dialect or distinct?
- Any other social aspects.

**BODY: HISTORICAL**

- This would be a good place to perhaps bring up origin theories.
- What is the history of the people?
- One could start with pre-European period, then move on to contact, up to the present.
- In the case of the Kanehsatake Mohawks, the Oka Crisis could be discussed; major historical events.
- Any additional historical points of interest.

**BODY: SPIRITUAL**

- Here one could discuss the spirituality of the peoples.
- What were their religious beliefs?
- Ceremonies; special events (i.e.: the Solstice in the Mayan Civilization);
- And so on.

**CONCLUSION**

- Concluding thoughts / remarks;
- In the case of an ancient civilization: what sort of conclusions could have been drawn about the civilization? Does research continue?
- Any unanswered questions?
- And so on.

**Please note: These are merely suggestions. This is only an example layout. Depending on the nation chosen, one could choose to organize the key elements in different orders.**