**Creating an Outline: Maine Water Essay**

**Earth Science: Watersheds of Maine**

**55 points**

Please complete this guided outline (either as a hard copy, or as a digital copy) and have it reviewed by a teacher BEFORE you start to write your essay.

Who are you writing this letter to? ( /3)

What type of water system (river, lake, swamp/bog, groundwater, estuary) will you be focusing on? ( /3)

What is the specific threat to this water system that you are concerned about? ( /4)

Are you personally affected by this issue? Why do you care about this issue( /4)

Give an example of a specific location in Maine where this is a problem, and describe what the problem is. ( /6)

Have you seen and experienced this problem personally at this location? ( /4)

Who else in Maine is impacted by this issue (be specific)? ( /4)

How are these people impacted by the issue (Financially? Quality of life? Health?) ( /4)

What clear evidence do you have to support your argument that people in Maine are impacted by this issue? ( /5)

What is your recommended course of action (the plan) for “fixing” this problem? What do you think needs to be done? ( /5)

WHO, do you think, is responsible for creating this problem? ( /4)

Should the people who caused the problem be the ones who need to fix the problem? Why or why not? ( /5)

Finish with either a reason for hope, or a warning of gloom if nothing changes. ( /4)