Structuring an essay (2000 words)

Your essay question

Introduction 10%
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Conclusion 10%
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Tips: When developing an argument you could try the following:

- If you are presenting an overview of a topic, you often have to present a debate. You might use the first section of your essay to present the counter argument, and the second half to present your main argument (it helps to finish an essay with your strongest point)
- Not all essays can be divided into two sections so easily. For example, if you are being asked to show the history of a topic area, you may find that each paragraph builds on from the one before.
- Consider what your essay question is asking you to do, and then structure your argument accordingly. The template above can be changed and adapted to suit your own work.