Questions for discussion ToK essay December 2024 - joint class IB students Norway, Finland and Sweden

For the introduction

1. Clarify the meaning of any key words or key terms in the knowledge question.
2. Which areas of knowledge, have you chosen? And why?
3. Clarify which part of the knowledge framework (e. g. scope, perspectives etc.) you will be focusing on in your essay.
4. Uncover hidden assumptions that are taken for granted (definition hidden assumptions: are beliefs we have about the world which we are not even aware of having, and which rise from our opinion rather than from fact).
5. Offer a thesis statement that answers the knowledge question.

For the body

1. Have you incorporated a good balance between the areas of knowledge chosen in your essay (e. g. are you paying equal attention to both)?
2. Identify, construct and evaluate both arguments and counterarguments for your thesis statement.
3. Use specific examples or evidence to make a point or support a discussion.
4. Consider different ways of thinking about the problem (pros and cons of something e. g. conflicting views on euthanasia, use of capital punishment etc.)
5. Clarify which 3-4 ToK concepts (e. g. certainty, power etc.) you’ve picked and why.
6. Give examples of ethical considerations in your essay.

Other

1. Comments on structure of the essay (e. g. argument structure, writing style, paragraphs, use of figurative language (avoid this) etc.).