



Essay Outline Template

I. INTRODUCTION

A. Background Information

1. General background information that grabs attention (reference)

2. More specific background information to lead into the thesis

B. Thesis statement

1. Topic Sentence

2. Outline your key points (Include Body Paragraphs II, III, & III)

II. BODY

A. Support Paragraph # 1

1. Topic Sentence (Includes supporting ideas)

2. Supporting Ideas

- a. Reason/Detail/Fact and transition

- b. More information and transition (reference)

- c. Analysis of evidence

3. Summarizing/Concluding/Transition sentence

B. Support Paragraph # 2

1. Topic sentence (Includes supporting ideas)

2. Supporting ideas

- a. Reason/Detail/Fact and transition

- b. More information and transition (reference)

- c. Analysis of evidence

3. Summarizing/Concluding/Transition sentence

C. Support Paragraph #3

1. Topic Sentence (Includes supporting ideas)

2. Supporting ideas

a. Reason/Detail/Fact and transition

b. More information and transition (reference)

c. Analysis of evidence

3. Summarizing/Concluding/Transition sentence

D. Maybe even another Support Paragraph # 4 (or more)

1. Topic Sentence (Includes supporting ideas)

2. Supporting ideas

- a. Reason/Detail/Fact and transition

- b. More information and transition (reference)

- c. Analysis of evidence

3. Summarizing/Concluding/Transition sentence

III. CONCLUSION

- A. Summarize/Review key points

- B. Concluding thought

This handout can be used in conjunction with the *Outlining* handout.

This handout uses information from the following sources:

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