

Exploring and Planning

Essay Outline



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Use this essay outline to begin jotting down key thoughts and ideas. You can use this as a base for when you begin writing your first draft.

1st paragraph: Introduction

Grab the reader's attention and set the context for the paper:

Draw the reader into the essay by providing helpful background info:

State your thesis (your controlling main idea and supporting evidence):

2nd Paragraph: First point of supporting evidence

Start with a topic sentence, stating the point you will prove/discuss in the paragraph:

The body of the paragraph proves the point of the topic sentence by offering evidence (examples, statistics, quotes, paraphrases):

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3rd Paragraph: Second point of supporting evidence

Start with a topic sentence, stating the point you will prove/discuss in the paragraph:

The body of the paragraph proves the point of the topic sentence by offering evidence (examples, statistics, quotes, paraphrases):

4th Paragraph: Third point of supporting evidence

Start with a topic sentence, stating the point you will prove/discuss in the paragraph:

The body of the paragraph proves the point of the topic sentence by offering evidence (examples, statistics, quotes, paraphrases):

5th Paragraph: Conclusion

The concluding paragraph offers a summary of the argument/discussion.