

# ESSAY OUTLINE

*"A plan is a crucial part of any successful assignment." - Anonymous*

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## PARAGRAPH 1: Introduction

- author, title, and genre (essay or short story)
- main idea expressed by the author
- your thesis statement
- very brief summary of points to be raised in your essay

## PARAGRAPH 2: Your First Idea

- topic sentence
- examples or details from the text
- explanation of their significance or implications
- concluding sentence

## PARAGRAPH 3: Your Second Idea

- topic sentence
- examples or details from the text
- explanation of their significance or implications
- concluding sentence

## PARAGRAPH 4: Your Third Idea

- topic sentence
- examples or details from the text
- explanation of their significance or implications
- concluding sentence

## PARAGRAPH 5: Conclusion

- restatement of your thesis
- recap of your major points
- your final thoughts

*You may have more than three body paragraphs if you have more than three ideas.*