

Essay Outline

This outline does not cover everything in an essay!
Please refer to the *Essay Basics* handout for more details.

_____ = complete sentences
..... = point-form notes

Introductory Paragraph

(Full) Thesis Sentence: [This will go somewhere in the middle of the IP; avoid starting an essay with the thesis sentence.]

Body Paragraph #1

Topic Sentence: [Make this a full sentence, complete with an introductory transition if necessary.]

Body Examples [These should be in point form; they may be **further grouped** into main and supporting examples.]

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Body Paragraph #2

Topic Sentence:

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Body Paragraph #3

Topic Sentence:

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Further body paragraphs may be needed!

Concluding Paragraph

Generalization Sentence: Generally, *why* is your thesis true? (This is *optional* in an outline.)
