

# Essay Outline Template

## Introduction

**General Statement:** about the topic. This should grab your reader's attention.

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**Overview of Main Points:** Ideas that you will discuss in further detail in the body of your essay.

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**Thesis Statement:** Should answer the What? Why? How? So What? (This is the "core" of your essay).

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## Body of essay

**Main Point 1:** Claim (Argument)

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Evidence (Quotations, Paraphrase, Examples)

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Significance / Elaboration (The relationship between your claim and the evidence. The connection of the point to the thesis statement).

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Transition Sentence (Concludes your paragraph and point; can lead in to next point)

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**Main Point 2:** Claim (Argument)

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Evidence (Quotations, Paraphrase, Examples)

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Significance / Elaboration (The relationship between your claim and the evidence. The connection of the point to the thesis statement).

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Transition Sentence (Concludes your paragraph and point; can lead in to next point)

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**Main Point 3:** Claim (Argument)

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Evidence (Quotations, Paraphrase, Examples)

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Significance / Elaboration (The relationship between your claim and the evidence. The connection of the point to the thesis statement).

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Transition Sentence (Concludes your paragraph and point; can lead in to next point)

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**Main Point 4:** Claim (Argument)

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Evidence (Quotations, Paraphrase, Examples)

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Significance / Elaboration (The relationship between your claim and the evidence. The connection of the point to the thesis statement).

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Transition Sentence (Concludes your paragraph and point; can lead in to next point)

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## Conclusion

**Thesis Restated:**

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Summary of Main Points:

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Closing Sentence: (a suggestion for the future, something memorable to leave for your reader, possible research question for future analysis, a solution to the problem you raised)

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