

Essay Outline Template

Introduction

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

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

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

Body of essay

Main Point 1: Claim (Argument)

Evidence (Quotations, Paraphrase, Examples)

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

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

Main Point 2: Claim (Argument)

Evidence (Quotations, Paraphrase, Examples)

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

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

Main Point 3: Claim (Argument)

Evidence (Quotations, Paraphrase, Examples)

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

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

Main Point 4: Claim (Argument)

Evidence (Quotations, Paraphrase, Examples)

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

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

Conclusion

Thesis Restated:

Summary of Main Points:

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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