

Formal Essay Outline

- I. Introduction
 - A. Introduce the general topic
 - B. Introduce the specific topic
 - 1. Title (if essay is based on a specific text)
 - 2. Author (if essay is based on a specific text)
 - C. Thesis Statement (Argument)
- II. First Body Paragraph (1st supporting reason)
 - A. Topic Sentence
 - B. Expand and give specific details
 - C. Evidence → Quote from text or example
 - D. Analysis (analyze/connect evidence to supporting reason and argument)
- III. Second Body Paragraph (2nd supporting reason)
 - A. Topic Sentence
 - B. Expand and give specific details
 - C. Evidence → Quote from text or example
 - D. Analysis (analyze/connect evidence to supporting reason and argument)
- IV. Third Body Paragraph (3rd supporting reason)
 - A. Topic Sentence
 - B. Expand and give specific details
 - C. Evidence → Quote from text or example
 - D. Analysis (analyze/connect evidence to supporting reason and argument)