

Essay Outline Template

1. Introduction

a. *Introductory Statement (Hook)*

b. *Background Information/Context for the Topic*

c. *Thesis Statement - A sentence that states the main claim or purpose of the essay*

2. Body Paragraphs

a. *First Main Point – A topic sentence that states the main idea of the paragraph that must relate to or support the thesis statement*

i. *Supporting Detail*

ii. *Supporting Detail*

iii. *Supporting Detail*

iv. *Transition Sentence – A sentence that helps summarize the main point of the paragraph and connect that point to the next paragraph*

b. **Second Main Point (Topic Sentence)**

i. *Supporting Detail*

ii. *Supporting Detail*

iii. *Supporting Detail*

iv. *Transition Sentence*

c. ***Third Main Point (Topic Sentence)***

i. *Supporting Detail*

ii. *Supporting Detail*

iii. *Supporting Detail*

iv. *Transition Sentence*

3. **Conclusion**

a. ***Closing Statement - Why is this topic significant? Why does it matter?***

b. ***Restate the Thesis – Emphasize the importance of your thesis to your audience***
