

# ESSAY OUTLINE SAMPLE TEMPLATE

## I. Introduction

Get the reader's attention – ask a leading question; relay something enticing about the subject in a manner that commands attention. You could start with a related quote, alluring description, or narrative.

### Thesis Statement

State the thesis – what you are going to discuss. You could state the causes and effects to be discussed; comparison of subject X and subject Y; your position on the issue; your proposal if applicable; and the main points that will develop your argument.

## II. Body

1. First Point, Topic sentence, Explanation
  - a. Supporting evidence (examples, facts, theories, statistics, quoted authorities, details, reasons, etc.)
  - b. Supporting evidence
  - c. (Conclusion and lead-in)
  
2. Second Point
  - a. Support
  - b. Support
  - c. optional
  
3. Third Point
  - a. Support
  - b. Support
  - c. optional

## III. Conclusion

Summarize your thesis and how your evidence supports your points. Re-emphasize your thesis in a fresh way, showing how you have achieved your purpose. You may wish to appeal to the reader to see how you have come to a logical conclusion, or make a memorable final statement.

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1. First Point \_\_\_\_\_

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

c. (Conclusion and lead-in) \_\_\_\_\_

2. Second Point \_\_\_\_\_

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

c. (Conclusion and lead-in) \_\_\_\_\_

3. Third Point \_\_\_\_\_

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

c. (Conclusion) \_\_\_\_\_

## III. Conclusion

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