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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