

Essay Outline

I. INTRODUCTION PARAGRAPH (Do this **AFTER** you've done some free writing and have an idea what you want your essay to focus on. You might do this after writing your body paragraphs.)

Hook: An introductory story(personal experience), a powerful quotation or statement that leads your reader to your thesis statement. Just jot a few ideas here for how you want to open up your essay:

Thesis Statement: Main Idea of entire essay (1-2 sentences placed at end of introduction paragraph):

II. BODY (PIE Paragraphs)

Body Paragraph #1

POINT (Topic Sentence at beginning of paragraph; what is the main idea/point of this paragraph? No quotes or questions.):

INFORMATION (personal examples, quotes, or paraphrases)) Make sure to include page # and/or source.

a. _____

b. _____

Body Paragraph #2

POINT (Topic Sentence at beginning of paragraph; what is the main idea/point of this paragraph? No quotes or questions):

INFORMATION (personal examples, quotes, or paraphrases) Make sure to include page #/source

a. _____

b. _____

EXPLANATION: Jot a few notes here on how the above information connects and supports the main idea/point(topic sentence) of this paragraph.

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Body Paragraph #3

POINT (Topic Sentence at beginning of paragraph; what is the main idea/point of this paragraph? No quotes or questions):

INFORMATION (personal examples, quotes, or paraphrases) Make sure to include page #/source

a. _____

b. _____

EXPLANATION: Jot a few notes here on how the above information connects and supports the main idea/point(topic sentence) of this paragraph.

III. CONCLUSION PARAGRAPH

Jot ideas down for how you plan to end your essay. Will you tie your ending back to something you said in your introduction paragraph? Summarize your main points and remind your reader about your thesis statement.
