

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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