“Handout: Expository Essay Outline Directions”

Follow the outline below while drafting the essay. You may want to reorganize the content of individual paragraphs after the first revision session.

Courage Expository Essay

I Introductory Paragraph
A. Develop an engaging lead.
   1) A strong lead consists of a sentence or two that grabs the reader's attention while introducing the topic.
B. In your own words, define courage.
C. Identify the courageous person you have chosen to research.
D. Use a simile or a metaphor to illuminate some of the characteristics of the courageous individual.
E. Craft a thesis statement.
   1) A thesis statement clearly presents the overall purpose of the writing to follow.

II First Example of the Person's Courage
A. Identify an example of a courageous act.
B. Describe the particulars of the incident (who, what, where, when, why, how).
C. Transition to the next paragraph.

III Second Example of the Person's Courage
A. Identify an example of a courageous act.
B. Describe the particulars of the incident (who, what, where, when, why, how).
C. Transition to the next paragraph.

IV Third Example of the Person's Courage
A. Identify an example of a courageous act.
B. Describe the particulars of the incident (who, what, where, when, why, how).
C. Transition to the next paragraph.

V Concluding Paragraph
A. Clearly restate the thesis.
B. Relate why you selected this person to exemplify courage.
C. Offer a reflection on insights or inspirations you experienced while working on this project. Specifically, how does this person's courage inspire you?