

Five Paragraph Essay Outline

Directions: Great writers follow the writing process. Before you start writing your first draft, it is important to outline your essay so that your essay is organized and that your thesis statement and topic sentences are well supported. In your outline include topic sentences, examples, and quotes.

Essay Topic: _____ E

Essay Title: _____ R

Rough Draft: _____ Final Draft Due Date: _____

- I. Introduction:
 - a. Attention getter
 - b. Background Information: this is information that your reader should learn when reading your essay
 - c. Thesis

Attention Getter: _____

Background Information: _____

Thesis: _____

- II. Body Paragraph 1
 - a. Topic Sentence
 - b. Information, examples, quotes, explanations that support the topic sentence
 - c. Transition to the next paragraph

Topic Sentence: _____

Information 1: _____

Explanation 1: _____

Information 2: _____

Explanation 2: _____

Transition: _____

- III. Body Paragraph 2
 - a. Topic Sentence
 - b. Information, examples, quotes, explanations that support the topic sentence
 - c. Transition to the next paragraph

Topic Sentence: _____

Information 1: _____

Explanation 1: _____

Information 2: _____

Explanation 2: _____

Transition: _____

- IV. Body Paragraph 3
 - a. Topic Sentence
 - b. Information, examples, quotes, explanations that support the topic sentence
 - c. Transition to the next paragraph

Topic Sentence: _____

Information 1: _____

Explanation 1: _____

Information 2: _____

Explanation 2: _____

Transition: _____

- V. Conclusion
 - a. Restate the thesis in a different way
 - b. Final thoughts about your topic that will wrap it up

Restate Thesis: _____

Final Thought: _____