

Outline Practice

In five minutes or less, using the following thesis and template below, write an outline. This is a fast paced exercise meant to get you thinking quickly about how to structure an essay by using a simple outline.

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<u>Classic Outline Reference Tool</u>	<u>Classic Outline - Activity Template</u>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Introduction</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hook Sentence</p> <p style="text-align: center;">List three supporting sub-topics</p> <p style="text-align: center;">...</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thesis</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Introduction</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Body Paragraph 1</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Topic sentence about thesis 1st point</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Discuss 1st point</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Evidence & Examples for support</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Link to following paragraph</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Body Paragraph 1</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Body Paragraph 2</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Topic sentence about thesis 2nd point</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Discuss 2nd point</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Evidence & Examples for support</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Link to following paragraph</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Body Paragraph 2</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Body Paragraph 3</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Topic sentence about thesis 3rd point</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Discuss 3rd point</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Evidence & Examples for support</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Link to following paragraph</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Body Paragraph 3</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Conclusion</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Reiterate thesis</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Reiterate main points of 3 body paragraphs</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Clincher (Final Sentence)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Conclusion</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>

Basic Outline Form

Below is a more detailed expansion on the basic breakdown of the outline on the previous page. When reading through this template remember, each point is just that: a point form prompt. When writing out your own outlines, be sure they are point form prompts you can easily refer to and work from when writing your essays.

The Classic Five Paragraph Outline

I. Introduction

- A. Hooks the reader's attention.
- B. Tells the reader what to expect in the essay.
- C. Contains a reference to the main topics to be discussed.
- D. Thesis

II. Body Paragraph 1

- A. Begins with a topic sentence that refers to the 1st point of the thesis.
- B. Discusses 1st of three or more major points about the topic.
- C. Contains evidence or examples to support point.
- D. Is linked to the following paragraph.

III. Body Paragraph 2

- A. Begins with a topic sentence that refers to the 2nd point of the thesis.
- B. Discusses 2nd of three or more major points about the topic.
- C. Contains evidence or examples to support point.
- D. Is linked to the following paragraph.

IV. Body Paragraph 3

- A. Begins with a topic sentence that refers to the 3rd point of the thesis.
- B. Discusses 3rd of three or more major points about the topic.
- C. Contains evidence or examples to support point.
- D. Is linked to the following paragraph.

V. Conclusion

- A. Reiterate thesis.
- B. Reiterate the three main points.
- C. End with an impacting statement (clincher) that demonstrates the topic has been thoroughly discussed and concluded.