

Academic Essay Outline Practice

In this exercise, you will break your academic essay topic into sections to understand the order of your ideas and supporting details. This exercise lets you create a guide to assist you through your writing.

Introduction

Thesis Statement

Body Paragraph I

Topic Sentence

Subpoint I & Evidence

Subpoint II & Evidence

Subpoint III & Evidence

Transition Sentence

Body Paragraph II

Topic Sentence

Subpoint I & Evidence

Subpoint II & Evidence

Subpoint III & Evidence

Transition Sentence _____

Body Paragraph III

Topic Sentence _____

Subpoint I & Evidence _____

Subpoint II & Evidence _____

Subpoint III & Evidence _____

Conclusion

Thesis Statement (Restated) _____

Summary of Main Points _____

Final Comments _____

Academic Vocabulary

Introduction - The beginning paragraph of your essay aims to display your topic and subpoints or argument.

Thesis Statement - The last sentence of your introduction aiming to give the central idea of your essay.

Topic Sentence - A sentence at the start of each body paragraph to introduce its topic or argument.

Subpoint - They are points that reflect your central topic or argument and are combined with your evidence.

Evidence - Any sources you quote or paraphrase within your essay to support your subpoints and central argument.

Transition Sentence - The last sentence of a body paragraph introduces a new point, letting the reader know that a new paragraph will begin.

Conclusion - The last paragraph of your essay that restates your thesis, summarizes main points, and gives the final thoughts of your argument.