Essay Outline Template

I. INTRODUCTION
   A. Background Information
      1. General background information that grabs attention (reference)
         ____________________________________________________________
         ____________________________________________________________
      2. More specific background information to lead into the thesis
         ____________________________________________________________
         ____________________________________________________________
   B. Thesis statement
      1. Topic Sentence
         ____________________________________________________________
         ____________________________________________________________
      2. Outline your key points (Include Body Paragraphs II, III, & III)
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II. BODY
   A. Support Paragraph # 1
      1. Topic Sentence (Includes supporting ideas)
         ____________________________________________________________
2. Supporting Ideas
   
a. Reason/Detail/Fact and transition

   
   
   

b. More information and transition (reference)

   
   
   

c. Analysis of evidence

   
   

3. Summarizing/Concluding/Transition sentence

   

B. Support Paragraph # 2

1. Topic sentence (Includes supporting ideas)

   


2. Supporting ideas

   
a. Reason/Detail/Fact and transition

   
   

b. More information and transition (reference)

   
   


c. Analysis of evidence

   

3. Summarizing/Concluding/Transition sentence

C. Support Paragraph #3

1. Topic Sentence (Includes supporting ideas)

2. Supporting ideas
   a. Reason/Detail/Fact and transition
   b. More information and transition (reference)
   c. Analysis of evidence

3. Summarizing/Concluding/Transition sentence

D. Maybe even another Support Paragraph # 4 (or more)

1. Topic Sentence (Includes supporting ideas)

2. Supporting ideas
a. Reason/Detail/Fact and transition

b. More information and transition (reference)

c. Analysis of evidence

3. Summarizing/Concluding/Transition sentence

III. CONCLUSION

A. Summarize/Review key points

B. Concluding thought

This handout can be used in conjunction with the Outlining handout.

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