

Name: _____ Date: _____

ESSAY OUTLINE

1 TOPIC & PROMPT

What is your essay about?

2 THESIS STATEMENT (Your Main Idea)

What are you trying to prove or explain?

My Thesis:

3 INTRODUCTION PARAGRAPH

HOOK (grab the reader's attention):

☐ Question ☐ Fact ☐ Quote ☐ Story

Write your hook:

CONTEXT (background information):

4 BODY PARAGRAPH 1

Main Idea (Topic Sentence):

Evidence (example, quote, fact):

Explain (how does this prove your idea?):

5 BODY PARAGRAPH 2

Main Idea (Topic Sentence):

Evidence (example, quote, fact):

Explain (how does this prove your idea?):

6 BODY PARAGRAPH 3 (Optional)

Main Idea (Topic Sentence):

Evidence (example, quote, fact):

Explain (how does this prove your idea?):

7 CONCLUSION

Restate your thesis (in a new way):

Summarize your main ideas:

Final thought (why does this matter?):

CHECK YOUR WORK

- ✓ I have a clear thesis
- ✓ Each paragraph supports my thesis
- ✓ I used evidence
- ✓ I explained my ideas
- ✓ My conclusion wraps it up



TIPS FOR SUCCESS



Plan first,
then write!



One idea
per paragraph!



Explain your
thinking clearly!

EXAMPLE ESSAY FLOW

