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Outlines

Outlines are a great way to organize your thoughts before you begin writing your paper. This is part of the pre-writing process. Begin your pre-writing process by researching your topic. Then, form your thesis statement. Finally, develop your outline. Here is a sample outline, where you can simply plug in your own information.

Title of Your Paper

I. Introductory Paragraph

- A. Discuss any author's/works you will be discussing
- B. If no works to evaluate, introduce your topic
 - 1. Detail one
 - 2. Detail two
- C. Thesis statement

II. Body Paragraph One

- A. Topic sentence—should relate to thesis statement
- B. Provide information from one academic source
 - 1. In-text citation
 - 2. Reference listing on Works Cited page
 - 3.

III. Body Paragraph Two

- A. Topic sentence—should relate to thesis statement
- B. Provide information from one academic source
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III. Body Paragraph Three

- A. Topic sentence—should relate to thesis statement
- B. Provide information from one academic source
 - 1. In-text citation
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IV. Conclusion

- A. Summarize information from body paragraphs that was relevant to your thesis
- B. Re-word, re-write, or in some way re-visit your thesis statement