

Essay Outline Worksheet

Your task is to write an expository or informative essay describing how one may be successful in high school.

Topic: (the title or the topic of your essay): _____

I. Introductory Paragraph A. Opening Statement: How will you first bring the reader into your essay? What will you say to introduce what your essay is about? Hook the reader!

What else will you say to introduce your ideas (the background info)?

Thesis Statement: What is the main idea of your essay?

II. Body Paragraph #1 A. Topic Sentence: What will this paragraph be about? _____

_____ **B. Evidence:** What specific facts or ideas are you bringing into play here?

C. Concluding Sentence: How will you connect this paragraph back to your thesis? Write a sentence which explains how the evidence above proves your thesis statement.

III. Body Paragraph #2A. Topic Sentence: What will this paragraph be about? Use transitional words/phrases.

B. Evidence: What specific facts or ideas are you bringing into play here?

C. Concluding Sentence: How will you connect this paragraph back to your thesis? Write a sentence which explains how the evidence above proves your thesis statement.

IV. Body Paragraph #3A. Topic Sentence: What will this paragraph be about? Use transitional words/phrases.

B. Evidence: What specific facts or ideas are you bringing into play here?

C. Concluding Sentence: How will you connect this paragraph back to your thesis? Write a sentence which explains how the evidence above proves your thesis statement.

V. Concluding Paragraph A. Summative OR “So-What?” Statement: (reconnection to Thesis Statement):What’s the point of what was written, how can it all be summed-up?

___ **Closing Sentence:** This is the final sentence of your essay, which naturally ends your discussion of the topic.
