Formal Essay Outline

Name  
Date  
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Tentative paper title

1. Introduction

Introductory Paragraph

A. Opening sentence (attention getter)

B. A brief summary to introduce the topic

C. Thesis statement

II. Body

First Body Paragraph (1st supporting point)

A. Topic Sentence states 1st supporting point

B. Expand and give specific details

C. Provide support using examples and if assigned, quotes

D. Analysis (analyze/connect evidence to supporting reason and argument)

Second Body Paragraph (2nd supporting point)

A. Topic Sentence states 2nd supporting point

B. Expand and give specific details

C. Provide support using examples and if assigned, quotes

D. Analysis (analyze/connect evidence to supporting reason and argument)

Third Body Paragraph (3rd supporting point)

A. Topic Sentence states 3rd supporting point

B. Expand and give specific details

C. Provide support using examples and if assigned, quotes

D. Analysis (analyze/connect evidence to supporting reason and argument)

III. Conclusion

A. Restate main point of the essay

B. Summarize supporting reasons

C. Concluding thoughts to leave a lasting impression on the reader