

Title (something creative and explanatory)

This outline is intended to help you think through the structure of your essay, *not* as a precise guide.

Paragraph 1: Introduction:

1. Opening sentence that grabs your reader's attention. Quote from the reading. Story from the reading that you say in your own words, something that represents the topic of your essay.
2. What is the essay about? Mention the book you're responding to. What's the book about (one or two sentences). (note: **italicize book titles, use proper capitalization**).
3. THESIS STATEMENT: can be more than one sentence.
 - a. Follow three-part thesis statement guidelines (can view PowerPoint presentation on Canvas)
 - b. 1) although clause:
 - c. 2) assertion:
 - d. 3) support/because clause:

Paragraph 2:

- Topic sentence that relates to your thesis statement. This sentence should be narrowly focused on just one sub-topic. Think of this as one part of your overall argument/thesis.
- This paragraph *could* relate to your counter-argument (your although clause), or it could focus on your first point in support of your argument.
- Evidence from the reading. Paraphrase (don't just use a million quotes).
- Evidence can include quotes, but quotes need to be used for a particular reason, like it was said by somebody in history.
- Include analysis in each paragraph.
- Note: you should have at least one or two MLA citations in each paragraph.

Paragraph 3: This is in support of your argument

- Topic sentence should be focused and related to your argument (assertion & support clause)
- Evidence
- Analysis
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- Analysis
- Note: you should have at least one or two MLA citations in each paragraph.

Paragraph 4: This is in support of your argument

- Same as above.

Paragraph 5: This is in support of your argument

- Same as above.

Add additional paragraphs as needed.

Paragraph 6: Conclusion

- Wrapping up your essay. Restating your thesis statement using new language. Ending with something creative (quote, story, etc.).