

Essay Writing Outline

Use this outline as prewriting (planning) when writing an essay. Using or applying this outline INCORRECTLY = you are not listening to what your teacher taught you. Follow directions!

1. BRAINSTORM (prewriting) ideas about what you might want to write about. Use the box below.
2. If it says "Sentence" in the outline, WRITE A COMPLETE SENTENCE FOR IT. You will then COPY THAT SENTENCE 100% TO YOUR ESSAY in the location indicated. MAKE NO CHANGES!
3. "SS" means "specific support". These are short outline memos only, NOT SENTENCES! In the essay, you can (should) write more than just 3 sentences to explain your 3 SS memos. That's the essay writing!
4. A completely filled outline means your essay should be rich, informative, and persuasive. No idea holes!

**Brainstorming
Box**

OUTLINE

Main Idea Sentence →

Topic Sentence #1 → _____,

SS → _____ SS → _____ SS → _____

Topic Sentence #2 → _____,

SS → _____ SS → _____ SS → _____

Topic Sentence #3 → _____,

SS → _____ SS → _____ SS → _____

Concluding Sentence → _____,

Your completed essay will look something like this:

Narrow down. Narrow down. Narrow down further. **Main Idea Sentence.**

Topic Sentence #1. Use SS. Explain SS. Use SS. Use SS some more. Explain SS. Explain SS even more.

Topic Sentence #2. Use SS. Explain SS. Keep explaining SS. Use SS some more.

Topic Sentence #3. Explain using SS. Use the SS you have. Explain SS. Use SS. Use SS more. Use SS even more.

Concluding Sentence. Use at least 2 sentences from here to then recommend or predict something. Then you are finished.

**If your essay
does not look
like this,
YOU ARE
DOING IT
INCORRECTLY!**