

Model Outline



Directions: Malcolm X said, "If you want to know where you're going, you need to know where you came from." Good advice, and it applies directly to writing an essay. This basic outline format will help you outline your research paper.

I. INTRODUCTION

A. Set the Mood

1. Begin with a hook/lead that answers the prompt and is based on your thesis
2. Enthusiastically reflect on the hook while focusing on the topic or prompt
3. Setting context (*Provide background information or plot summary*)
4. Thesis statement

II. BODY

A. Negative & positive effects your topic has on the world

1. Statement based on the structure of the thesis
2. Negative Effect # 1
 - a. Example (*quote from research*)
 - b. Explanation that illuminates how evidence supports the thesis
3. Negative Effect #2
 - a. Example (*quote from research*)
 - b. Explanation that illuminates how evidence supports the thesis
4. Positive Effect #1
 - a. Example (*quote from research*)
 - b. Explanation that illuminates how evidence supports the thesis
5. Positive Effect #2
 - a. Example (*quote from research*)
 - b. Explanation that illuminates how evidence supports the thesis

B. Compare & contrast your topic to *Brave New World*

1. Statement based on the structure of the thesis
2. Comparison # 1
 - a. Example (*quote from research or Brave New World*)
 - b. Explanation that illuminates how evidence supports the thesis
3. Comparison #2
 - a. Example (*quote from research or Brave New World*)
 - b. Explanation that illuminates how evidence supports the thesis
4. Contrast #1
 - a. Example (*quote from research or Brave New World*)
 - b. Explanation that illuminates how evidence supports the thesis
5. Contrast #2
 - a. Example (*quote from research or Brave New World*)
 - b. Explanation that illuminates how evidence supports the thesis

C. Are we headed in the direction of the World State based on researching your topic? (This refers to "A")

1. Yes or no
2. Reason #1
 - a. Example (*quote from research or Brave New World*)
 - b. Explanation that illuminates how evidence supports the thesis

Of course, you can write more than five body paragraphs. This is just an example. Dang!



3. Reason #2
 - a. Example (*quote from research or Brave New World*)
 - b. Explanation that illuminates how evidence supports the thesis
3. Reason #3
 - a. Example (*quote from research or Brave New World*)
 - b. Explanation that illuminates how evidence supports the thesis

D. Positive & negatives consequences of a possible World State based on researching your topic (This refers to "C")

1. Statement based on the structure of the thesis
2. Positive Consequence #1
 - a. Example (*quote from research*)
 - b. Explanation that illuminates how evidence supports the thesis
3. Positive Consequence #2
 - a. Example (*quote from research*)
 - b. Explanation that illuminates how evidence supports the thesis
4. Negative Consequence #1
 - a. Example (*quote from research*)
 - b. Explanation that illuminates how evidence supports the thesis
5. Negative Consequence #2
 - a. Example (*quote from research*)
 - b. Explanation that illuminates how evidence supports the thesis

E. Possible Solutions for your topic (This refers to "A")

1. Negative Effect #1
 - a. How can you turn this negative effect into a positive effect?
2. Negative Effect #2
 - b. How can you turn this negative effect into a positive effect?
3. Positive Effect #1
 - a. How can you keep this positive effect positive?
4. Positive Effect #2
 - a. How can you keep this positive effect positive?

III. CONCLUSION

A. Close the Mood

1. Restatement of thesis using different words by stating what was proved
2. Evaluation of what thesis proved, bringing the reader to a higher level of understanding regarding the topic; review or summarize major points
3. Analogy or figure of speech that brings your essay to a strong conclusion
Leaving the audience convinced you've proven your thesis