

## **One Paragraph Essay Outline**

- I. Topic Sentence: Topic + controlling idea
- II. Supporting Detail 1
- III. Supporting Detail 2
- IV. Supporting Detail 3
- V. Conclusion

## **Three Paragraph Essay Outline**

- I. Introduction
  - A. Topic sentence
  - B. General background information
  - C. Thesis: what you plan to write about
- II. Body Paragraph
  - A. Supporting Detail 1 + reason and/or example
  - B. Supporting Detail 2 + reason and/or example
  - C. Supporting Detail 3 + reason and/or example
- III. Conclusion
  - A. Summarize main points in 3-4 sentences
  - B. Final thought (Choose 1)
    1. Suggestion
    2. Recommendation
    3. Prediction

## **Five Paragraph Essay Outline**

- I. Introduction (5 sentences)
  - A. Topic sentence
  - B. Background information about the topic (no quotes)
    1. General information that's interesting
  - C. Thesis statement
    1. Tells the reader what to expect in your body paragraphs
    2. Say the ideas you will talk about
- II. Body Paragraphs (5 sentences per paragraph)
  - A. Paragraph #1
    1. Supporting ideas
    2. Reasons
    3. Example
  - B. Paragraph #2
    1. Supporting ideas
    2. Reasons
    3. Example
  - C. Paragraph #3

1. Supporting ideas
2. Reasons
3. Example

III. Conclusion

- A. Summarize main points of paragraph 1
- B. Summarize main points of paragraph 2
- C. Summarize main points of paragraph 1
- D. Final thought (Choose 1)
  1. Suggestion
  2. Recommendation
  3. Prediction

Thesis: Topic + opinion + 3 main ideas

- The last sentence in the first paragraph
  - Education is important because \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Education is important for several reasons.