

Peer Learning Essay Planning Workshop: Essay Outline Plan

Below is a fairly standard outline for an essay. You can amend this to the title of the essay you are planning. A good plan will include:

- **What main topics or sections will you include to ensure you answer the question?**
 - **How many words you will allocate to each section?**
 - **What detailed explanations and examples are you going to include?**
 - **What key references and reading are you going to include in each section?**
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Introduction (100 words)

General info about topic, define any terms, reason for reader to be interested, context, how you will approach the question etc.

Topic 1 (500 words)

Topic Sentence: (A topic sentence is a sentence at the start of a paragraph that states the main point you are making in that paragraph)

1. Detail/example/data/explanation
2. Detail/example/etc.
3. Detail/example/etc.

Transition (a transition sentence summarises the paragraph and links to the next section)

Topic 2 (500 words)

Topic Sentence:

1. Detail/example/data/explanation
2. Detail/example/etc.
3. Detail/example/etc.

Transition

Topic 3 (300 words) Etc...

Summary and conclusions (200 words)

Re-state the question: Summary of main points, return to general context, wrap-up of essay, etc. identify your conclusion in answer to the essay question.