

## Senior Project Annotated Outline Guideline

Your annotated outline is the next step in writing your Senior Project research paper. Building on the feedback and suggestions you received on your preliminary outline and revised thesis statement, this outline demonstrates more specifically how the ideas and information in your paper will connect and “hold together” to produce a logically organized and coherent final product. To do this, your annotated outline must include:

- Section headings appropriately labeled and ordered to reflect and support thesis;
- Topic sentences for every paragraph that reflect thesis and advance argument;
- Paragraphs annotated with quotations and paraphrases from your research that support topic sentence (NOTE: All sources that you incorporate should appear on your bibliography);
- A summary of each section, briefly explaining how the information you cite will support your thesis and advance the argument of your paper as a whole;
- Closing sentences that provide a transition into the next paragraph/section;
- An introduction and conclusion section that addresses the specific requirements outlined below.

What follows is a model for how your outline should be structured with additional formatting expectations on the right in italics.

### MODEL ANNOTATED OUTLINE

#### I. Introduction

- A. Attention getter/“hook”
- B. Preview of main points
- C. Final thesis statement (italicized)

- *Single space your outline, double space between sections.*
- *Your outline should be 2 to 2 ½ pages in length*

#### II. Name of section

- A. Paragraph topic sentence
  1. Example/evidence/support
  2. Example/evidence/support
  3. Content summary (explaining connection to thesis)
  4. Closing sentence
- B. Paragraph topic sentence
  1. Example/evidence/support
  2. Example/evidence/support
  3. Content summary
  4. Closing sentence

- *Your section titles can be as general or specific as you like. All sections included should relate directly to your thesis. You will want 5-6 **sections** in your paper.*
- *You may have 2 or more paragraphs per section.*
- *You may have 2 or more examples/evidence/support in each paragraph*

#### III. Name of section

- A. Paragraph topic sentence
  1. Example/evidence/support
  2. Example/evidence/support
  3. Content summary

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4. Closing sentence
  - B. Paragraph topic sentence
    1. Example/evidence/support
    2. Example/evidence/support
    3. Content summary
    4. Closing sentence
- IV. Name of section
- A. Paragraph topic sentence
    1. Example/evidence/support
    2. Example/evidence/support
    3. Content summary
    4. Closing sentence
  - B. Paragraph topic sentence
    1. Example/evidence/support
    2. Example/evidence/support
    3. Content summary
    4. Closing sentence
- V. Name of section
- A. Paragraph topic sentence
    1. Example/evidence/support
    2. Example/evidence/support
    3. Content summary
    4. Closing sentence
  - B. Paragraph topic sentence
    1. Example/evidence/support
    2. Example/evidence/support
    3. Content summary
    4. Closing sentence
- VI. Name of section
- A. Paragraph topic sentence
    1. Example/evidence/support
    2. Example/evidence/support
    3. Content summary
    4. Closing sentence
  - B. Paragraph topic sentence
    1. Example/evidence/support
    2. Example/evidence/support
    3. Content summary
    4. Closing sentence
- VII. Conclusion
- A. Rephrasing of thesis
  - B. Concluding details
  - C. Clincher