Essay Outline Template

1. INTRODUCTION
   1. Background Information
      1. General background information that grabs attention
      2. Background information to lead into the thesis
   2. Thesis statement (The claim, argument, or points you’re going to talk about)
2. BODY
   1. Support Paragraph 1
      1. Thesis Statement Point 1
      2. Supporting Ideas
         1. Reason/Detail/Fact and transition
         2. More information and transition
         3. Maybe even more information
      3. Summarizing/Concluding/Transition sentence to help get the reader to the next paragraph.
   2. Support Paragraph 2
      1. Thesis statement
      2. Supporting Ideas
         1. Reason/Detail/Fact and transition
         2. More information and transition
         3. Maybe even more information
      3. Summarizing/Concluding/Transition sentence to help get the reader to the next paragraph.
   3. Possible Support Paragraph 3
      1. Thesis statement
      2. Supporting Ideas
         1. Reason/Detail/Fact and transition
         2. More information and transition
         3. Maybe even more information
      3. Summarizing/Concluding/Transition sentence to help get the reader to the next paragraph.
   4. Maybe even another Support Paragraph 4 (or more)
      1. Thesis statement
      2. Supporting Ideas
         1. Reason/Detail/Fact and transition
         2. More information and transition
         3. Maybe even more information
      3. Summarizing/Concluding/Transition sentence to help get the reader to the next paragraph.
3. CONCLUSION
   1. Summarize/Review key points and restate thesis.
   2. Concluding thought
4. REFERENCES (use APA or MLA format)