**ESSAY OUTLINE**

**I. Introduction**

Get the reader's attention – ask a leading question; relay something enticing about the subject in a manner that commands attention. You could start with a related quote, alluring description, or narrative.

**Thesis Statement**

State the thesis – what you are going to discuss. You could state the causes and effects to be discussed; comparison of subject X and subject Y; your position on the issue; your proposal if applicable; and the main points that will develop your argument.

**II. Body**

1. First Point, Topic sentence, Explanation

a. Supporting evidence (examples, facts, theories, statistics, quoted authorities, details, reasons, etc.)

b. Supporting evidence

c. (Conclusion and lead-in)

2. Second Point

a. Support

b. Support

c. optional

3. Third Point

a. Support

b. Support

c. optional

**III. Conclusion**

Summarize your thesis and how your evidence supports your points. Re-emphasize your thesis in a fresh way, showing how you have achieved your purpose. You may wish to appeal to the reader to see how you have come to a logical conclusion or make a memorable final statement.