# **ESSAY OUTLINE**

1. **INTRODUCTION**
   1. Background Information
      1. General background information that grabs attention **(reference)**
      2. More specific background information to lead into the thesis **(reference)**
   2. Thesis statement
      1. Topic
      2. Outline your key points
2. **BODY**
   1. **Support Paragraph 1**
      1. Thesis statement
      2. Supporting Ideas
         1. Reason/Detail/Fact and transition **(reference)**
         2. More information and transition **(reference)**
         3. Maybe even more information **(reference)**
      3. Summarizing/Concluding/Transition sentence
   2. **Support Paragraph 2**
      1. Thesis statement
      2. Supporting Ideas
         1. Reason/Detail/Fact and transition **(reference)**
         2. More information and transition **(reference)**
         3. Maybe even more information **(reference)**
      3. Summarizing/Concluding/Transition sentence
   3. **Possible Support Paragraph 3**
      1. Thesis statement
      2. Supporting Ideas
         1. Reason/Detail/Fact and transition **(reference)**
         2. More information and transition **(reference)**
         3. Maybe even more information **(reference)**
      3. Summarizing/Concluding/Transition sentence
   4. **Maybe even another Support Paragraph 4 (or more)**
      1. Thesis statement
      2. Supporting Ideas
         1. Reason/Detail/Fact and transition **(reference)**
         2. More information and transition **(reference)**
         3. Maybe even more information **(reference)**
      3. Summarizing/Concluding/Transition sentence
3. **CONCLUSION**
   1. Summarize/Review key points
   2. Concluding thought
4. **REFERENCES** **(use APA or MLA format)**