EXPOSITORY ESSAY OUTLINE

The outline is like a blueprint; its function is to act as a guide that you can use to build a house, or in this case an essay. Without the outline the risk of straying off the subject increases. It’s needless to mention you get confused due to a multitude of ideas that you don’t know where to place.

***Let’s look at the outline you should follow when writing an expository essay:***

**Introduction** – your opportunity to make a positive first impression. It should consist of the:

* Hook – the first sentence of the essay; it can include quote, statistics, anecdote, or anything else you find catchy
* Background info and context – a brief info about the topic itself
* Thesis statement – specifies the exact topic you’re going to write about, things you will analyze

**Body paragraphs** – the central part of the essay. The number of paragraphs isn’t specified, you can write as many as you need to thoroughly analyze the subject. In most cases, 3-5 paragraphs are enough. They should be written in the following manner:

* Topic 1 – fact 1 + evidence, fact 2 + evidence etc. – basically, each paragraph starts with a topic sentence that announces what aspect of the subject you’re going to discuss. Within the paragraph, you mention the facts you discovered while researching supported by evidence
* Topic 2 – fact 1 + evidence, fact 2 + evidence etc.
* Topic 3 – fact 1 + evidence, fact 2 + evidence etc.

**Conclusion** – summary of the thesis, facts, and evidence. It also discusses the importance of the subject, raises more questions that make a reader think, and finishes with call-to-action