

Informative/Expository Essay Outline

1. Introduction
 - a. Grab the reader's attention!! (quote, anecdote, surprising fact, etc.)
 - b. Background Information
 - c. Thesis
2. 1st Body Paragraph
 - a. Topic Sentence (first point, reason, idea, etc.)
 - b. Evidence (quote from a text)
 - c. Elaboration (So what? How does your evidence support your topic sentence?)
3. 2nd Body Paragraph
 - a. Topic Sentence (second point, reason, idea, etc.)
 - b. Evidence (quote from a text)
 - c. Elaboration (So what? How does your evidence support your topic sentence?)
4. 3rd Body Paragraph
 - a. Topic Sentence (third point, reason, idea, etc.)
 - b. Evidence (quote from a text)
 - c. Elaboration (So what? How does your evidence support your topic sentence?)
5. Conclusion
 - a. Restate your thesis—DO NOT COPY WORD FOR WORD!
 - b. Concluding thoughts