**Thesis/Outline Form**

Name:

Topic/Title:

1. Introduction
   1. Hook:
   2. Bridge:
   3. Thesis:
2. History/Background Information
   1. Significant point and citation
   2. Significant point and citation
3. Opposing Side Paragraph
   1. Address Issue/**Acknowledge Opposition** (topic sentence)
   2. 1st cited source/evidence:
   3. 2nd cited source/evidence:
   4. Transition that redirects back to thesis and support for topic
4. 1st Arguing Point Paragraph:
   1. Address Issue (topic sentence)
   2. 1st cited source/evidence:
   3. 2nd cited source/evidence:
5. 2nd Arguing Point Paragraph:
   1. Address Issue (topic sentence)
   2. 1st cited source/evidence:
   3. 2nd cited source/evidence:
6. 3rd Arguing Point Paragraph:
   1. Address Issue (topic sentence)
   2. 1st cited source/evidence:
   3. 2nd cited source/evidence:
7. Additional Arguing Point Paragraph***(can be a 4th arguing point OR additional support for a previous point---organize logically by moving this paragraph near that point):***
   1. Address Issue (topic sentence)
   2. 1st cited source/evidence:
   3. 2nd cited source/evidence:
8. Additional Arguing Point Paragraph ***(can be a 4th arguing point OR additional support for a previous point---organize logically by moving this paragraph near that point):***
   1. Address Issue (topic sentence)
   2. 1st cited source/evidence:
   3. 2nd cited source/evidence:
9. Closing Paragraph:
   1. Final summative thought:
   2. Recommendation(s):
   3. Restated thesis:

**\****Each body paragraph will use* ***ACES Paragraph Organization****. Outline requires the* ***Arguing point (Addresses the issue)*** *and* ***Cited evidence****. You will complete the rest as you are writing your paper.*

**Outlining Basics**

* Remember to “Remove space after paragraph”
* No page #s or MLA heading on outline; instead, provide your name in the upper left corner
* Outline follows MLA rules for font, size and spacing
* Research topic (title) under name
* Roman numerals for major divisions (I, II, III, IV…)
* Capital letters for first subdivisions (A, B, C...)
* Regular numbers to further subdivide info (1, 2, 3…)
* Lower case letters to add additional info (a,b,c…)
* Indent (use tab button) for each new division)

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* Capitalize the first word of an entry and all proper nouns.
* Completely write out the hook and thesis you will use
* For remaining entries, you can use quotes with a citations, word groups, or phrases
* Most word processing programs will recognize outlining and format it for you; you may use this feature or disable it and do tabbing yourself.