

Essay Writing Guideline

Directions: Write a single sentence or bullet point idea next to each non-bolded item as part of your outline.

Introduction (at least 3 sentences)

1. Hook (question, quote, bold statement that grabs reader's attention)
2. Background info/Historical Context (include time period and info on what's going on at the time that's pertinent to topic)
3. Claim (that answers the essay question/topic)

Argument #1

Topic Sentence

- Evidence #1
 - Warrant (why evidence supports your argument and/or matters)
- Evidence #2
 - Warrant (why evidence supports your argument and/or matters)
- Evidence #3
 - Warrant (why evidence supports your argument and/or matters)

Argument #2

Topic Sentence

- Evidence #1
 - Warrant (why evidence supports your argument and/or matters)
- Evidence #2

- Warrant (why evidence supports your argument and/or matters)
- Evidence #3
 - Warrant (why evidence supports your argument and/or matters)

Argument #3

Topic Sentence

- Evidence #1
 - Warrant (why evidence supports your argument and/or matters)
- Evidence #2
 - Warrant (why evidence supports your argument and/or matters)
- Evidence #3
 - Warrant (why evidence supports your argument and/or matters)

Conclusion (at least 3 sentences)

1. Share closing remarks according one of the following conclusion types.
 1. Extend your claim
 2. Account for other evidence in disagreement with your points
 - 3. Connect your claim to the larger significance of this history (*good for RR)**
 - 4. Connect your claim to other historical periods, geographical areas, contexts, or circumstances (*good for RR)**