

Essay/ Research Paper Outline

Using this outline makes writing a paper
FASTER, EASIER and LESS STRESSFUL

Step One

Paper Topic:

Write 3 main points (topics/subjects) that will be the focus of your paper:

1.

2.

3.

Based on these topics, write a THESIS STATEMENT (this will be the last sentence of your introduction). **Your thesis statement should identify the 3 focuses of your paper.**

Now that you have:

- Identified your topic
- Identified the 3 main focuses of your paper, and
- Written your thesis statement

You are ready for the next step 😊

Step Two

Write three sentences (or even just thoughts/ideas/quotes - whatever) that you can include in your introduction, each focus, and your conclusion:

Introduction:

1.

2.

3.

Focus One:

1.

2.

3.

Focus Two:

1.

2.

3.

Focus 3:

1.

2.

3.

Conclusion:

1.

2.

3.

Now you are ready for steps 3 and 4...

Step 3: Write your ROUGH DRAFT - write the Introduction, then take a break (a few hours or even a full day), then write each focus ONE AT A TIME - taking a few hours or a full day break in between each.

Step 4: After getting a break from your rough draft for a few hours or an entire day, re-read your rough draft, and REVISE and EDIT the rough draft. Make sure to correct all spelling, grammar and sentence structure errors. If necessary, seek the help of a writing tutor for this final step of the paper.