

Outline with Introductions & Conclusions + Thesis Statement & Topic Sentences

Primary Goal: To practice writing an MLA formatted outline that consists of an Introduction Paragraph with a Thesis Statement, 3 Topic Sentences, and a Conclusion Paragraph.

What are you required to do to complete this assignment successfully?

Choose a topic to write about. **Read** the information linked in the Lessons about the elements of introduction & conclusion paragraphs. Based on what you read, **write** an introduction paragraph with a thesis statement [choose one of the 5 types we went over], followed by three topic sentences, and a conclusion paragraph.

What do you need to do to complete this assignment?

1. **Choose** a topic to write about.
2. **Format** the assignment in MLA style. Times New Roman size 12 font, correct heading, with one inch margins.
3. **Choose** one of the 5 types of Thesis Statements we went over in class. [You can review the presentation in this week's Lessons and in the Resources tab on the course page.]
4. **Write** an Introduction Paragraph and include your Thesis Statement. **Read** about the elements of an introduction paragraph linked in the Lessons and write your intro according to those guidelines.
5. **Write** 3 topic sentences – each one should be a claim that supports your thesis statement. You do not need to write entire paragraphs – just the first sentences. [info on topic sentences is included in the presentation in this week's Lessons]
6. Then **write** a Conclusion paragraph. **Read** about the elements of a conclusion paragraph linked in the Lessons and write you conclusion according to those guidelines.
7. Finally proofread for any typos or errors.
8. Upload to the dropbox.

Questions to ask yourself before submitting this assignment:

1. Is the assignment formatted properly in MLA style?
2. Is your thesis statement debatable?
3. Is your thesis statement clear?
4. Is your thesis statement specific – not vague or too wide?
5. Do each of your topic sentences connect to your thesis statement? Do they support your thesis statement?
6. Is each topic sentence specific?
7. Do your intro and conclusion include the elements provided in the Lessons?