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Essay Outline Example

I. First Paragraph - Introduction

- A. Opening statement – attention getter
- B. Supporting sentences
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
- C. Thesis statement – should include your three main points

II. First Body Paragraph - First Main Point

- A. Topic sentence
- B. At least two supporting ideas and one quote
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
- C. Concluding sentence

Each body paragraph must have 1 quote from the book in it. Also remember, if you have an A, you must have a B, etc.; if you have a 1, you must have a 2, etc.

III. Second Body Paragraph - Second Main Point (Use a good transition from previous paragraph to this one.)

- A. Topic
- B. At least two supporting ideas and one quote
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
- C. Concluding sentence

IV. Third Body Paragraph – Third Main Point (Use a good transition from previous paragraph to this one.)

- A. Topic
- B. At least two supporting ideas and one quote
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
- C. Concluding sentence

V. Last Paragraph – Conclusion (Use a good transition from previous paragraph to this one.)

- A. Restate thesis
- B. Brief summary – as many sentences as necessary
 - 1.

2.

3.

C. Closing (clincher) sentence