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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

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

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.

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

- A. Topic sentence
- 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