

Research Paper Outline

Though I would like you to focus on the formatting too, it is the structure of your outline and the amount of research you include that is the most important for the assignment. The outline should demonstrate that you can logically organize your essay and that you have enough specific evidence to make it interesting and well documented.

Your outline should...

- be typed.
- include a title.
- include a paragraph-style written introduction (with your thesis).
- Include a body and conclusion in outline form (please do not write the body in paragraph format).
- use a combination of Roman numerals, upper- and lowercase letters, and Arabic numbers to show relationships in the following pattern: Roman numerals, capital letters, Arabic numbers, lowercase letters, Arabic numbers followed by parentheses, and lowercase letters followed by parentheses [I., A., 1. a., (1.), (a.)].
- guide the paragraph structure of your written paper (each main idea or subheading should represent what will become a separate paragraph).
- follow a pattern of indentation to show the relationship of ideas, set up so that the Roman numerals have ragged left margin and the periods after them align vertically.

Outline Rubric

36-40 points	The outline includes a title, a written introductory paragraph with a thesis and an outlined body and conclusion. The body is in a logical order and contains a substantial amount of evidence with parenthetical citations. The outline is typed, properly formatted and clear and easy to follow.
32-35 points	The outline includes an introduction with a thesis (that may or may not be in written form) and an outlined body and conclusion. The body is in a logical order and contains a substantial amount of evidence with parenthetical citations. The outline, however, is marked down due to awkward formatting or minor gaps in the research.
28-31 points	The outline includes a thesis, an outlined body and a conclusion. The body is in a logical order, though adjustments may be necessary, and contains some evidence with parenthetical citations. The outline is marked down due to awkward formatting and/or a significant lack of research (or a common failure to cite the research).
24-27 points	The outline includes a thesis, an outlined body and a conclusion. The body's order needs adjustment and the amount of evidence is inadequate and superficial. The outline is marked down due to a serious lack of research and/or an illogical outline structure.
1-23 points	The outline is missing a thesis or the outline may be incomplete. The body's order needs serious restructuring and/or there is little evidence to back up your claims.