

Five-Paragraph Essay Outline Template

Introduction

- Background context that frames the topic
- A clear thesis statement that states the main claim

Body Paragraph One

- First main idea
- Explanation and supporting evidence

Body Paragraph Two

- Second main idea
- Explanation and supporting evidence

Body Paragraph Three

- Third main idea
- Explanation and supporting evidence

Conclusion

- A brief synthesis of the main ideas
- A final statement that reinforces the argument