

# **Informative Essay Outline**

## **I. Introduction**

- Hook (fact, definition, brief observation, or relevant statement)
- Background information needed to understand the topic
- Clear thesis statement explaining what the essay will cover

## **II. Body Paragraph 1 - First Main Idea**

- Topic sentence stating the point
- Explanation of the idea
- Supporting evidence (facts, data, examples, or source detail)
- Closing sentence linking back to the thesis

## **III. Body Paragraph 2 - Second Main Idea**

- Topic sentence introducing the next point
- Explanation and clarification
- Supporting evidence
- Transition to the next idea

## **IV. Body Paragraph 3 - Third Main Idea**

- Topic sentence presenting the final major point
- Explanation
- Supporting evidence
- Closing link to the thesis

## **V. Conclusion**

- Restated thesis in new wording
- Brief summary of key points
- Final statement explaining the overall meaning or significance of the information

## **VI. Works Cited**

- Full list of sources used, formatted in the required citation style