

Problem Solution Essay Outline

Introduction:

- Attention Getter– could be a startling statistic/fact, an anecdote, quote, series of examples
- Transition – explain the connection between the attention grabber and main idea.
- Claim – Identify a problem and promise a solution.

Body:

Topic Sentence – Define the Problem.

- Describe the Problem.
- Give Examples.
- Who is affected?

Topic Sentence – Seriousness/Consequences

- Describe the negative effects of the problem.
- Why is this problem serious?
- What are the consequences for allowing this problem to continue?

Topic Sentence – Solution

- Explain the benefits.
- How will it work?
- What obstacles or problems could keep this solution from working?
- Address Counter Claim(s)

Conclusion:

- Summarize Problem and Solution.
- Relate this issue to the rest of the world or the future.
- Call to action/final thoughts