

Blank Illustration Essay Outline Template (With Prompts)

Title: [Your Essay Title Here – Make it specific to your main point]

I. Introduction

- **Hook:** [Start with a compelling fact, question, quote, or anecdote related to your topic.]
- **Background/Context:** [Briefly introduce the general topic. Why is it relevant or interesting?]
- **Thesis Statement:** [Clearly state the main point you will prove or illustrate. End with a preview of the types of examples you will use.]
 - *Example Framework:* "_____ is true/important/prevalent, as demonstrated by _____, _____, and _____."

II. Body Paragraph 1

- **Topic Sentence:** [Introduces the first major example or category of examples that supports your thesis.]
- **Explanation/Set-up:** [Explain the example. Provide necessary details about who, what, when, where.]
- **Specific Illustration:** [Use vivid details, facts, statistics, or a mini-story to make the example concrete.]
- **Analysis:** [Explain *how* and *why* this example proves your thesis statement. Connect it back to your main point.]

III. Body Paragraph 2

- **Topic Sentence:** [Introduces the second major example or category. Use a transition word.]
- **Explanation/Set-up:** [Explain this new example.]
- **Specific Illustration:** [Provide concrete details for this example.]
- **Analysis:** [Explain how this example supports your thesis. Is it a different type of evidence than your first example?]

IV. Body Paragraph 3

- **Topic Sentence:** [Introduces your strongest or most comprehensive example. Use a transition.]
- **Explanation/Set-up:** [Explain this example.]
- **Specific Illustration:** [Provide vivid details.]

- **Analysis:** [Explain how this example supports your thesis. You may also contrast or compare it with previous examples.]

(Optional) V. Body Paragraph 4

- [Add another paragraph if needed for a crucial example or to address a counter-example.]

VI. Conclusion

- **Restate Thesis (in new words):** [Reiterate your main point without simply copying the introduction.]
- **Summary of Key Examples:** [Briefly recap the main illustrations you used, emphasizing how they collectively prove your point.]
- **Final Thought/So What?:** [Explain the broader significance of your thesis. What should the reader understand, believe, or do? End with a strong, final statement.]