

# Fill in the Blank Outline Templates

## 3-Paragraph Illustration Essay Outline (Fill-in-the-Blanks)

### I. Introduction

- Hook: \_\_\_\_\_
- Background (1–2 sentences): \_\_\_\_\_
- Thesis Statement (what you will illustrate): \_\_\_\_\_

### II. Body Paragraph

- Topic Sentence (main point/example): \_\_\_\_\_
- Example 1 (specific detail): \_\_\_\_\_
- Supporting Evidence (data, case, quote): \_\_\_\_\_
- Explanation (how this example supports the thesis): \_\_\_\_\_
- Additional Example (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

### III. Conclusion

- Restatement of Thesis: \_\_\_\_\_
- Summary of Key Example: \_\_\_\_\_
- Final Thought / Implication: \_\_\_\_\_

## 5-Paragraph Illustration Essay Outline (Fill-in-the-Blanks)

### I. Introduction

- Hook: \_\_\_\_\_
- Background / Context: \_\_\_\_\_
- Thesis Statement: \_\_\_\_\_

### II. Body Paragraph 1 – First Example

- **Topic Sentence:** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Example Detail 1:** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Evidence / Statistic / Case:** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Explanation:** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Transition Sentence:** \_\_\_\_\_

### **III. Body Paragraph 2 – Second Example**

- **Topic Sentence:** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Example Detail 2:** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Evidence / Statistic / Case:** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Explanation:** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Transition Sentence:** \_\_\_\_\_

### **IV. Body Paragraph 3 – Third Example**

- **Topic Sentence:** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Example Detail 3:** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Evidence / Statistic / Case:** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Explanation:** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Transition to Conclusion:** \_\_\_\_\_

### **V. Conclusion**

- **Restate Thesis (new wording):** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Synthesis of All 3 Examples:** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Final Insight / Call to Action / Closing Thought:** \_\_\_\_\_