

3-Paragraph Outline Template (Brief Assignments)

Perfect for short response papers, discussion posts, or brief analytical assignments.

Paragraph I: Introduction

- **Hook:** A compelling sentence to grab the reader's interest (a question, a striking fact, a brief quote).
- **Context:** A sentence or two narrowing the focus from the hook to your specific topic.
- **Thesis Statement:** One clear sentence that states your central argument or main point for the entire paper.

Paragraph II: Body

- **Topic Sentence:** A sentence that presents the primary support for your thesis. It should directly relate to and prove part of your main argument.
- **Evidence & Explanation:** Present your strongest piece of evidence (example, quote, data). Follow it with 2-3 sentences analyzing *how* and *why* this evidence supports your topic sentence.
- **Concluding Sentence (Optional but recommended):** A sentence that wraps up the point of this single body paragraph and reinforces the thesis.

Paragraph III: Conclusion

- **Restated Thesis:** Rephrase your thesis statement in a new way, reflecting the insight gained in the body paragraph.
- **Summary of Main Point:** Briefly recap the key argument from your single body paragraph.
- **Final Insight/Implication:** End with a sentence on the broader significance, a final thought, or a connection to a larger idea.