

Extended Essay Outline Template

For Research Papers with 6+ Body Paragraphs

Essay Information

Title: _____

Subject/Topic: _____

Research Question: _____

Word Count Goal: _____

Due Date: _____

I. Introduction

A. Hook/Opening Statement

1. _____

2. _____

B. Background Information/Context

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

C. Thesis Statement

1. Main argument: _____

2. Key points to be covered: _____

II. First Major Section: _____

A. Topic Sentence/Main Point

1. _____

B. Evidence and Analysis

1. Primary source/evidence: _____

a. Citation: _____

b. Analysis: _____

2. Secondary source/evidence: _____

a. Citation: _____

b. Analysis: _____

3. Additional supporting evidence: _____

a. Citation: _____

b. Analysis: _____

C. Counter-argument (if applicable)

1. Alternative perspective: _____

2. Rebuttal: _____

D. Transition to next section: _____

III. Second Major Section: _____

A. Topic Sentence/Main Point

1. _____

B. Evidence and Analysis

1. Primary source/evidence: _____

a. Citation: _____

b. Analysis: _____

2. Secondary source/evidence: _____

a. Citation: _____

b. Analysis: _____

3. Additional supporting evidence: _____

a. Citation: _____

b. Analysis: _____

C. Counter-argument (if applicable)

1. Alternative perspective: _____

2. Rebuttal: _____

D. Transition to next section: _____

IV. Third Major Section: _____

A. Topic Sentence/Main Point

1. _____

B. Evidence and Analysis

1. Primary source/evidence: _____

a. Citation: _____

b. Analysis: _____

2. Secondary source/evidence: _____

a. Citation: _____

b. Analysis: _____

3. Additional supporting evidence: _____

a. Citation: _____

b. Analysis: _____

C. Counter-argument (if applicable)

1. Alternative perspective: _____

2. Rebuttal: _____

D. Transition to next section: _____

V. Fourth Major Section: _____

A. Topic Sentence/Main Point

1. _____

B. Evidence and Analysis

1. Primary source/evidence: _____

a. Citation: _____

b. Analysis: _____

2. Secondary source/evidence: _____

a. Citation: _____

b. Analysis: _____

3. Additional supporting evidence: _____

a. Citation: _____

b. Analysis: _____

C. Counter-argument (if applicable)

1. Alternative perspective: _____

2. Rebuttal: _____

D. Transition to next section: _____

VI. Fifth Major Section: _____

A. Topic Sentence/Main Point

1. _____

B. Evidence and Analysis

1. Primary source/evidence: _____

a. Citation: _____

b. Analysis: _____

2. Secondary source/evidence: _____

a. Citation: _____

b. Analysis: _____

3. Additional supporting evidence: _____

a. Citation: _____

b. Analysis: _____

C. Counter-argument (if applicable)

1. Alternative perspective: _____

2. Rebuttal: _____

D. Transition to next section: _____

VII. Sixth Major Section: _____

A. Topic Sentence/Main Point

1. _____

B. Evidence and Analysis

1. Primary source/evidence: _____

a. Citation: _____

b. Analysis: _____

2. Secondary source/evidence: _____

a. Citation: _____

b. Analysis: _____

3. Additional supporting evidence: _____

a. Citation: _____

b. Analysis: _____

C. Counter-argument (if applicable)

1. Alternative perspective: _____

2. Rebuttal: _____

D. Transition to conclusion: _____

VIII. Conclusion

A. Restate Thesis (in new words)

1. _____

B. Synthesize Main Points

1. Summary of first major point: _____
2. Summary of second major point: _____
3. Summary of third major point: _____
4. Summary of fourth major point: _____
5. Summary of fifth major point: _____
6. Summary of sixth major point: _____

C. Broader Implications

1. Significance of findings: _____
2. Real-world applications: _____
3. Future research directions: _____

D. Closing Statement/Call to Action

1. _____
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Research Sources Tracker

Primary Sources

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Secondary Sources

1. _____

2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

Notes & Ideas

Key Themes:

- _____
- _____
- _____

Gaps in Research:

- _____
- _____

Questions to Address:

- _____
- _____

Peer Review Feedback:

- _____
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Formatting Checklist

- ☐ Title page completed
- ☐ Abstract written (if required)
- ☐ Introduction engages reader and states thesis
- ☐ Body paragraphs follow logical progression
- ☐ Each claim supported by credible evidence
- ☐ Citations formatted correctly (MLA/APA/Chicago)
- ☐ Transitions connect ideas smoothly
- ☐ Conclusion synthesizes without introducing new info
- ☐ Works Cited/References page completed
- ☐ Proofread for grammar and spelling
- ☐ Meets word count requirement