

Outline Structure for Expository Essay

I. Introduction

- Hook (e.g. startling statistic, relevant quote, anecdote)
- Background/Contextual Information (e.g. Historical Context, Background Information)
- Thesis
- Concluding/Transition Statement (points toward Body Paragraph; could be Thesis)

II. Body Paragraphs

- A. Topic Sentence (Introduce the point of this paragraph, Engage readers)
- B. Introduce the Textual Evidence (According to human rights activist Cesar Chavez, “Sjavnnp gpojgjjoj.....”)
- C. Textual Evidence (2-5 sentences from text)
- D. Analysis of the Textual Evidence: How does it prove/support your Topic Sentence?
- E. Transition into 2nd piece of Textual Evidence
- F. Introduce the Textual Evidence (As noted in 11 Point Program of The Young Patriots, “Sjavnnp gpojgjjoj.....”)
- G. Textual Evidence (2-5 sentences from text)
- H. Analysis of the Textual Evidence: How does it prove/support your Topic Sentence?
- I. Transition into 3rd piece of Textual Evidence
- J. Introduce the Textual Evidence (Writer Elizabeth Kurata explains, “Sjavnnp gpojgjjoj.....”)
- K. Textual Evidence (2-5 sentences from text)
- L. Analysis of the Textual Evidence: How does it prove/support your Topic Sentence?
- M. Closing sentence (wraps up the paragraph to effectively transition into the next paragraph)

V. Conclusion (You do not necessarily have to follow this order, but include the following):

- A. Restate/Reinforce your Thesis Statement by summarizing your main points (Topic Sentences)
- B. Let your readers know why it matters. Provide insights and implications that connect the text to the broader world.
- C. Provide a sense of closure for your readers.