

Preliminary Outline Template

Name: _____ Topic: _____

INTRODUCTION: This is the paragraph that opens the discussion of your topic and gets your reader (who is busy and thinking of other things) ready to hear your argument. Ease into the topic, and establish your credibility by using an even, academic tone and by presenting an error-free opening to your essay.

Thesis Statement (appears as the final sentence of your introduction):

Begin each body paragraph/section with a point sentence (PS) that alerts your reader to the point of that paragraph/section. Point sentences must support your thesis.

PS 1: _____

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--TRANSITION--

PS 2: _____

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--TRANSITION--

PS 3: _____

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