

Outlining The Perfect Essay

Intro

- Overview of your topic
- Intellectual Context: Your **primary source** and **critical lens**
- **Thesis**: The main argument guiding your paper

Body

- **Topic Sentence**: What idea is this paragraph going to cover?
- **Context/Transition**: Direct the reader to the **specific** scene or **aspect** you're discussing
- **Evidence**: A quote introduced with a **signal phrase**
- **Analysis**: Connection of evidence to your thesis. **NOT** summary but rather introducing your own ideas
- **Outro Sentence**: Reiterate the paragraph's idea and transition into your next paragraph

Outro

- Reiterate your thesis
- Reiterate your main body paragraph points
- **Zoom Out**: How does your topic relate to the world around you?