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How to Make and Use an Essay Outline IBDP L&L WT2 – (adapted from Bookrags)

An essay outline is probably the most important friend you will have while writing your essay. It is the scaffolding of your paper and the skeleton of your ideas. It is the framework by which you will write a killer essay. And frankly, it is difficult to write one without an outline.

When you begin writing an essay outline, use the following model as a guide:

**I. INTRODUCTION:**

* Thesis:\_State your prescribed WT2 question and the text(s) you are examining to answer. Include author(s) etc as applicable.

**II. BODY PARAGRAPH 1:**

* Opening Sentence: Your first point in answer to your chosen question.
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(Details provide your support: Techniques, evidence, effect as applicable to your question.)

* Detail 1: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Detail 2:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Detail 3:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**III. BODY PARAGRAPH II:**

* Transition/Opening Sentence: Second point, building on your first point in answer to your chosen question.

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**IV. BODY PARAGRAPH III:**

Transition/Opening Sentence: Third point, building on your second point in answer to your chosen question.

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**V. BODY PARAGRAPH IV:**

Transition/Opening Sentence: Fourth point, building on your third point in answer to your chosen question.

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* Detail 1:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
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**VI. CONCLUSION:**

* Reconfirmed Thesis: Your concluding statements in answer to your chosen question, confirming how the details you presented, support your perspectives about your chosen topic. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

If you use this rough guide and fill in the blanks as you are researching your essay, you will find writing the essay so simple. You have all you need in front of you. It is researched and organized. All you have to do now is fill in the blanks with transition words and smooth language.