

Informative Essay Outline Assignment

Overview: Now that you've had an opportunity to find and read sources and have gained some instruction on MLA formatting and source integration, it's time to start drafting your paper. The outline is the first step in drafting the Informative Essay. After completing the outline, we will begin to write the rough draft of the Informative Essay. Completing a preliminary outline will provide you with a plan for your rough draft; in addition, the outline will give your instructor a chance to review your plans and your structure for this essay. Your instructor will offer you feedback on your outline so that you may make any necessary adjustments to your ideas and/or structure as you write the rough draft.

(Note: Be sure to review the Sample Student Informative Essay Outline and the lecture about writing the outline.)

Instructions:

1. Write a full thesis that explains the controversy as well as the competing sides of the controversy.
2. Include a background section that contextualizes the main topics you will cover. The background section may explain relevant history, definitions, and explanation of the controversy. In short, include any information a reader would need to understand in order to comprehend the controversy.
3. Map out the major arguments in favor of and against your topic. Be sure to write each argument out as a complete sentence.
 - Use a *block* or *point-by-point* structure, if you choose. See the lecture for more information about these organizational patterns.