



Sample Outline for your Argumentative Essay

A handy, already-completed outline designed especially to help you!

State your opponent's viewpoint here. Make sure what you use here is something you can easily refute. We want to make the other side look bad early and often. "Some Americans might say race relations in this country are fine, but they are ignoring the real truth..."

Always end your introduction with a thesis that outline the THREE main points you wish to discuss in your essay; these will become the three justifications of your thesis, and thus your next three paragraphs. NOTE: Three is not an arbitrary number, but usually less options makes for a weaker argument, and more makes for too many for your readers. See me if your idea uses a number different than three.

Each of your justification paragraphs is going to be one of the main points you've outlined in your thesis. Write your first one here. And follow a similar pattern for your second and third points.

After finishing your rough outline, leave spaces in here to write in your note card numbers. As you find information about your topic, you can easily add those numbers here and lend support to your argument. Remember: The more official support and data you have to support your ideas, the stronger your argument will be.

Example: Although racial gaps in pay is evident throughout America and furthers poor race relations, it is the current bias in our legal system, which consistently singles out minorities, that is truly to blame for the lack of inequality in our modern society.

How do you end it? With a "Call to Arms"! Tell people how they can lead the charge and help promote your cause. Be so convincing that you make people want to rise up against all who oppose you.

Title

The Million-Meter Dash: the Race Toward Equality in America

I. Introduction

A. Creative yet gripping intro

1) State your point

B. Opposing viewpoint

1) Refutation

C. Thesis

Three major hurdles still exist and continue to demonstrate that, despite our current beliefs to the contrary, the United States is still not as racially equal as it thinks it is and very much needs to be. African American Communities across the nation are severely dilapidated; wages are not even close to equal across different racial groups, and our legal system consistently singles out minority groups as offenders.

II. Your First justification of your opinion

African American Communities across the nation are severely dilapidated

A. State your point.

B. Give statistics, research, and *professional* opinions that back up what your point is.

C. Transition into the next paragraph.

III. Justification part 2

Wages are not even close to equal across different racial groups

A. State your point.

B. Give statistics, research, and *professional* opinions that back up what your point is.

C. Transition into the next paragraph.

IV. Justification part 3

Our legal system consistently singles out minority groups as offenders.

A. State your point.

B. Give statistics, research, and *professional* opinions that back up what your point is.

V. Conclusion

A. Sum up all of your justifications

B. Refute the other side yet again.

C. End in a persuasive flourish.