

Expository Essay Outline

- I. Introduction Paragraph**
 - a. Attention Getter (Write the sentence(s) you will use to capture your reader's attention)
 - b. Detail – something to add to or support your attention getter
 - c. Complete Thesis Statement

- II. Body Paragraph 1 Topic Sentence** (Write out the entire sentence)
 - a. Supporting detail Give an explanation that supports your topic sentence
 - b. Supporting Detail – Give an example that supports your topic sentence and explanation
 - c. Give a statement that analytically summarizes your topic sentence and details

- III. Body Paragraph 2 Topic Sentence** (Write out the sentence)
 - a. Through c. repeat the same process as above

- IV. Body Paragraph 3 Topic Sentence** (Write out the sentence)
 - a. Through c. repeat the same as above

- V. Conclusion**
 - a. Restate the thesis ideas without repeating the thesis word for word
 - b. Summarize and connect the main points of your essay with a universal idea/theme

*Remember, the idea is not to explain EVERYTHING in your thesis statement – that is what you're body paragraphs are for. The entire essay, as well as each paragraph, should follow a pattern: start out broad, relate specifically to the novel, give specific evidence and examples, restate specifically, summarize, and connect to a universal idea (going back to broad).

*Make your paragraphs connect with transitions.

*Use appropriate language, spelling, and grammar.

*Do not be repetitive – this is the death of any essay!!!

*Do not use the same detail/example twice