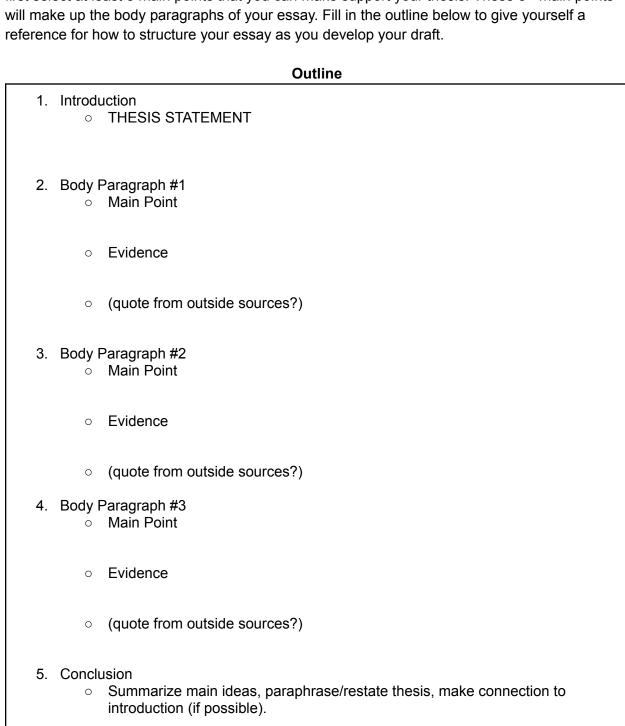
## **STEP 3: Outline and Drafting**

Once you have gathered your 3 sources, selected quotes to use, and crafted a strong thesis statement, it is time to begin drafting your essay. Before you begin your introduction Paragraph, first select at least 3 main points that you can make support your thesis. These 3+ main points will make up the body paragraphs of your essay. Fill in the outline below to give yourself a reference for how to structure your essay as you develop your draft.



## **Very Basic Template for Opinion Essay**

Paragraph 1: Introduction			
In your intro, be sure to include  • Your topic (be specific)  • Why this topic is relevant/important (in general and/or to you personally)  • Your claim/opinion about the topic (aka your THESIS STATEMENT)			
VERY BASIC TEMPLATE TO START FROM (You will need to develop this further)			
An important issue today is	Some		
people feel that	. Others believe that		
In my opin	In my opinion,		
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Paragraph 2: Reason One			
Support the central claim (aka thesis) from your intro  • State your first main point to support your opinion.  • Provide explanation/examples/evidence to back up your claims.			
VERY BASIC TEMPLATE TO START FROM (You will need to develop this further)			
One reason I believe	is that		
In the article	, states		
that			
The article gives examples of			
feel that	_•		
Paragraph 3: Reason Two			

Continue to support the central claim (aka thesis) from your intro...

- State your second main point to support your opinion.
- Provide explanation/examples/evidence to back up your claims.
- Check that your whole paragraph is only about Reason Two and that Reason Two is different from Reason One

	different from Reason One		
VERY	BASIC TEMPLATE TO START FROM (You will	need to develop this further)	
	Another reason I think that	is that	
	In the article	, states	
	that		
	The article gives examples of	that show I	
	feel that		
Paragr	aph 4: Reason Three / Acknowledge Counterargu	ument	
<ul> <li>Make third and final point to support the central claim (aka thesis) from your intro</li> <li>State your third main point to support your opinion.</li> <li>Mention one argument that someone might make against the claim you make in your essay</li> </ul>			
VERY BASIC TEMPLATE TO START FROM (You will need to develop this further)			
	Despite, an	d the evidence that	
	, I do not believe this is enough to justify,		
	shows that		

Paragraph 5: Conclusion

In your conclusion paragraph...

- Mention your topic one last time (general)
- Restate/paraphrase your thesis (specific)
- Summarize main points
- Make connection to introduction (if possible).

I feel that \_\_\_\_\_

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