

Developing an Outline

- I. **INTRODUCTION:** Introduce your reader to your topic and engage them in it. See our “Art of Introduction” handout for more info.

THESIS: Thesis includes two parts – a topic and comment or position.

- II. **BODY:** Each paragraph in the body includes a topic sentence that states what the paragraph is focused on (relating to the thesis).

A. **Topic Sentence:** _____

➤ **Supporting Points/Examples:** _____

➤ **Analysis/Sources:** _____

B. **Topic Sentence:** _____

➤ **Supporting Points/Examples:** _____

➤ **Analysis/Sources:** _____

C. **Topic Sentence:** _____

➤ **Supporting Points/Examples:** _____

➤ **Analysis/Sources:** _____

D. **Topic Sentence:** _____

➤ **Supporting Points/Examples:** _____

➤ **Analysis/Sources:** _____

- III. **CONCLUSION:** Connect your main points and give your last commentary that will leave the reader with something to think about. Refer back to the introduction to wrap up the essay as a whole. See our “Conclusions” handout for more info.
