

# **Structure of an Essay: Outline**

## **1. Introduction**

**Introductory statement**

**Thesis (with essay map)**

## **2. Body**

**First supporting idea**

**Transition, topic sentence**

**Details, examples, analysis**

**Concluding sentence (optional)**

**Second supporting idea**

**Transition, topic sentence**

**Details, examples, analysis**

**Concluding sentence (optional)**

**Third supporting idea**

**Transition, topic sentence**

**Details, examples, analysis**

**Concluding sentence (optional)**

## **Conclusion**

**Transition (reflect back on thesis)**

**Restate key points**

**Ending statement that provokes thought (optional)**