

Research Paper Outline

Topic: What does a study of the Enuma Elish reveal about the ancient perspective on the nature of the world, people, culture, art, and war?

1. Introduction
 - (a) Hook
 - (b) Background information on the Enuma Elish
 - (c) Thesis statement (What can we learn about the ancient perspective on **the nature of the world, people, culture, art and war** from the Enuma Elish?)
2. Overview of the Enuma Elish
 - (a) Summary of the creation myth
 - (b) Overview of the gods
 - (c) Key themes
3. The ancient perspective on The Nature of the World
 - (a) the creation of the universe
 - (b) what is time
 - (c) the role of humans and gods
 - (d) natural disasters
4. The ancient perspective on People
 - (a) humanity and the human condition
 - (b) health and disease
 - (c) justice, morality, and social order
 - (d) the afterlife and soul
5. The ancient perspective on Art and Culture
 - (a) purpose and function of art
 - (b) what is beautiful, creation, innovation?
 - (c) religious and mythological art
6. The ancient perspective on War
 - (a) causes of war
 - (b) ethics of war
 - (c) religious and mythological roles in justifying and condemning combat

7. Conclusion

- (a) summarize ancient perspective
- (b) restate thesis
- (c) why this is important today

8. Works Cited Page