

ESSAY OUTLINE FORM

TITLE: _____

PURPOSE: _____

READERS: _____

I. INTRODUCTORY PARAGRAPH:

General Statement or Hook: _____

Transition: _____

Thesis Sentence: _____

Major Divisions of Essay: (overview of upcoming points)

A: _____

B: _____

C: _____

II. BODY PARAGRAPH 1: Sub-topic A

Transition: _____

Topic Sentence: _____

Main Points:

1: _____

2: _____

3: _____

Conclusion/Transition: _____

III. BODY PARAGRAPH 2: Sub-topic B

Transition: _____

Topic Sentence: _____

Main Points:

1: _____

2: _____

3: _____

Conclusion/Transition: _____

IV. BODY PARAGRAPH 3: Topic C

Transition: _____

Topic Sentence: _____

Main Points:

1: _____

2: _____

3: _____

Conclusion/Transition: _____

V. CONCLUDING PARAGRAPH

Restatement/Reinforcement of Thesis _____

Closing Device

SAMPLE ESSAY OUTLINE

TITLE: Dangers and Challenges of Exploring Outer space

PURPOSE: To inform

READERS: The teacher, classmates (academic)

I. INTRODUCTORY PARAGRAPH:

General Statement or Hook: General to specific, land, water, and space

Transition: Finally, outer space

Thesis Sentence: Space offers dangers, but also challenges for explorers.

Major Divisions of Essay: (overview of upcoming points)

A: No air

B: Meteors and micro meteors

C: No water

II. BODY PARAGRAPH 1: Sub-topic A

Transition: First

Topic Sentence: First challenge is that space is a vacuum.

Main Points:

1: No atmosphere, no air pressure

2: No Oxygen, blood can boil

3: No protection from sun rays

Conclusion/Transition: Therefore, survival is a challenge.

III. BODY PARAGRAPH 2: Sub-topic B

Transition: Second

Topic Sentence: Presence of meteors and micro meteors.

Main Points:

1: Meteors freely travel in space

2: Move at very high speed

3: Can collide with space ships

Conclusion/Transition: Hence, one is always in a vulnerable position.

IV. BODY PARAGRAPH 3: Topic C

Transition: Finally

Topic Sentence: There is no water.

Main Points:

1: Water essential for survival

2: No water on other planets

3: Planets either too hot or too cold, so no possibility for liquid water

Conclusion/Transition: No doubt, a life-threatening situation.

V. CONCLUDING PARAGRAPH

Restatement/Reinforcement of Thesis

Closing Device: Space offers real dangers, but also exciting challenges, like, effort to survive without air, water, and the free flowing meteors.