Research Essay Outline Worksheet

After you finish your preliminary research and before you begin outlining, consider the following:

* Your rhetorical situation (audience, writer, content)
* Your research question and the significance of your work
* How you want to lead your audience through your argument (alternating, block style? A mixture of both?)
* Which rhetorical appeals and strategies to employ and when

1. Introduction
   1. Hook/Stat/Startling Fact
   2. Context
   3. Scope
   4. Thesis Statement
2. Section One
   1. Topic sentence
   2. Evidence
   3. Argument
   4. Topic sentence
   5. Evidence
   6. Argument
3. Section Two
   1. Topic sentence
   2. Evidence
   3. Argument
   4. Topic sentence
   5. Evidence
   6. Argument
4. Section Three
   1. Topic sentence
   2. Evidence
   3. Argument
   4. Topic sentence
   5. Evidence
   6. Argument
5. Conclusion
   1. Fresh language
   2. Visualization
   3. Next steps

Works Cited

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