

Sample Essay 1 Outline

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Title: Voting Methods

Thesis statement: There are many methods used by groups of people to make choices among multiple alternatives. All of these methods are designed to be “fair”, but none of them are perfect.

Outline:

1. Introduction
2. Majority Rule and Plurality
 - a. how they work
 - b. why they aren't perfect
3. Condorcet's Method
 - a. how it works
 - b. why it isn't perfect
4. The Borda Count
 - a. how it works
 - b. why it isn't perfect
5. Arrow's Theorems: fundamental limitations to fairness
6. Conclusion

Sources:

COMAP, *For All Practical Purposes*

Wikipedia pages on Condorcet's Method, the Borda Count, and Arrow's Theorem

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Condorcet_method

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Borda_count

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arrow's_impossibility_theorem

Electorama web site, the Borda Count

http://wiki.electorama.com/wiki/Borda_count