Format for Formal Outlining for a 3.8 Paragraph:

1. Thesis Statement (Topic Sentence)
2. First Main Point
   1. Supporting Detail
3. Second Main Point
   1. Supporting Detail
4. Third Main Point
   1. Supporting Detail
5. Conclusion (Revisiting the Thesis)



Student Example of a Formal Outline of a 3.8 Paragraph:

1. Flowers need sunlight, water, and dirt to grow.
2. Sunlight allows flowers to grow.
   1. Flowers use sunlight for nutrients, which makes their stems, leaves, and petals stronger.
3. Flowers develop better when they have enough water.
   1. When flowers don’t get enough water, they shrivel up and start to die.
4. Flowers require dirt to take root
   1. A flower’s roots need dirt to hold on to and absorb water and nutrients in the dirt.
5. For a flower to grow well, they need these very important ingredients.