

HL Essay Outline

Text: Author: Genre: Text studied year 1 or 2:

7 Concepts-does 1 inform your topic and how?:

Identity

Culture

Creativity

Communication

Perspective

Transformation

Representation

Question/Statement of Inquiry:

*offers the opportunity to analyze the language of the text

*answer will be informed by secondary source

*answerable 1200-1500 wds.

*will explore author's purpose and reader's response

*considers one of 7 concepts

*argument, not description

Thesis (this will be written at the end of the introductory paragraph):

OUTLINE

Introduction – your opportunity to make a positive first impression. It should consist of :

- Hook – the first sentence/s of the essay; can include quote, statistics, anecdote, or anything else you find informative or catchy
- Background info and context – a brief info about the topic itself (this gives the reader an idea of the depth of your topic and gives it merit)
- Thesis statement – specifies the exact topic you're going to write about, things you will analyze (think of this as a direct response to your inquiry questions, tells the reader where you are going with your ideas.

Body paragraphs – the central part of the essay. The number of paragraphs isn't specified, you can write as many as you need to thoroughly analyze the subject. The key is to thoroughly analyze. Better to go in depth with a few topics rather than briefly mention or summarize many topics. In most cases, 3-5 paragraphs are enough. They should be written in the following manner:

- Topic 1 – fact 1 + evidence, fact 2 + evidence etc. – basically, each paragraph starts with a topic sentence that announces what aspect of the subject you're going to discuss. Within the paragraph, you mention the facts you discovered while “researching” supported by evidence which comes from the text itself
- Topic 2 – fact 1 + evidence, fact 2 + evidence etc.
- Topic 3 – fact 1 + evidence, fact 2 + evidence etc.

Conclusion – summary of the thesis, facts, and evidence. It also discusses the importance of the subject, raises more questions that make a reader think, and finishes with thoughtful insight

Outline Template

Introduction:
(Hook, Issue and context, thesis)

Topic 1
(fact/evidence/text, fact/evidence/text)

Topic 2
(fact/evidence/text, fact/evidence/text)

Topic 3
(fact/evidence/text, fact/evidence/text)

Topic 4 (if needed)
(fact/evidence/text, fact/evidence/text)

Conclusion(addresses the thesis,facts&evidence, importance of subj., thoughtful insight,raises more questions)