

Outlining for Your Paper and Group Project

Outlines will help you keep track of large amounts of information and organize your ideas.

Steps to Writing a Research Paper

#1 – Develop your topic sentence – what are you writing about

#2 – Brainstorm all the ideas you want to talk about

#3 – Organize – group like ideas together

#4 – Order the grouped ideas

#5 – Create main and sub-heading to make an outline

Coordinate!

Items in Heading 1 should have the same significance as Heading 2.

Items in subheadings should also have the same significance.

Options for Family Pets

1. Dogs
2. Cats
3. Fish

Subordinate! (means secondary, or lesser)

Options for Family Pets

1. Dogs
 - a. Loyal
 - b. Friendly
2. Cats
 - a. Loving
 - b. Well-Behaved
3. Fish
 - a. Easy to care for
 - b. Beautiful

For more information on developing outlines, visit the OWL (Online Writing Lab) from Purdue University.

<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/544/1/>

My Topic Is: _____

Idea/Heading #1: _____

Sub-heading A. _____

Sub-Heading B. _____

Sub-Heading C. _____

Sub-Heading D. _____

Idea/Heading #2: _____

Sub-heading A. _____

Sub-Heading B. _____

Sub-Heading C. _____

Sub-Heading D. _____

Idea/Heading #3: _____

Sub-heading A. _____

Sub-Heading B. _____

Sub-Heading C. _____

Sub-Heading D. _____

Idea/Heading #4: _____

Sub-heading A. _____

Sub-Heading B. _____

Sub-Heading C. _____

Sub-Heading D. _____

Closing Paragraph:
