Outlining a Persuasive Paper

The structure of a persuasive paper should be planned ahead of time.

The basic structure looks like this:

1. Claim
   1. Reason
      * 1. Evidence
        2. Evidence
        3. Evidence
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      * 1. Evidence
        2. Evidence
        3. Evidence
   3. Reason
      * 1. Evidence
        2. Evidence
        3. Evidence
   4. Reason
      * 1. Evidence
        2. Evidence
        3. Evidence
2. Concluding thought

We read “Supersize Me,” and we discussed its structure.

In preparation to planning your own paper, I want you to outline the structure of “Supersize Me” on the attached paper, and then try reading and outlining the structure of a second article, “Don’t Eat the Flan,” on your own on the next page.

I have copies of both articles for you.

When outlining, be consistent, either do all sentences or all phrases, not some of both.

Many teachers in high school and college will have you submit an outline of your writing.

Note: DO NOT WRITE UNDERNEATH TE LETTER BOR NUMBER THAT MARKS THE BEGINNING OF AN IDEA.

Article Title \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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