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 - Optional
   2. Reason
      * 1. Evidence
        2. Evidence
        3. Evidence - Optional
   3. Reason
      * 1. Evidence
        2. Evidence
        3. Evidence - Optional
   4. Reason - Optional
      * 1. Evidence
        2. Evidence
        3. Evidence
2. Concluding thought

In preparation to planning your own paper, outlined the structure of “Supersize Me” and “Don’t Eat the Flan,” and we reviewed those outlines together. I have attached my colpeted outlines.

Having researched and found articles with material for your paper and having read those articles and refined your claim and noted possible supporting reasons and evidence and found some material for a hook, and background, and a concluding thought, you need to begin to plan your own paper.

I have attached a blank outline for you. Remember, 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 THE LETTER FOR THE NUMBER THAT MARKS THE BEGINNING OF AN IDEA.

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

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