BASIC ESSAY OUTLINE

I. Introduction (first paragraph)

1. Introductory statements
2. Thesis statement
3. Introduce supporting ideas (optional)

II. Body (three paragraphs)

1. First supporting idea
   * Transition, topic sentence
   * Discussion, examples, and analysis
   * Conclusion (optional)
2. Second supporting idea
   * Transition, topic sentence
   * Discussion, examples, and analysis
   * Conclusion (optional)
3. Third supporting idea
   * Transition, topic sentence
   * Discussion, examples, and analysis
   * Conclusion (optional)

III. Conclusion (final paragraph)

* Transition, statement reflecting back on thesis
* Restate key points
* Ending statement that provokes thought (optional)

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