**Writing an Outline**

"The basic 5 paragraph essay always has an introduction, three body paragraphs, and a conclusion. In addition to those basic parts there is also a thesis. The thesis tells the reader the authors argument as well as what the paper will be about. “

I. Introduction

   1 .One-sentence thesis statement:

II. Body

     1. First main idea:

1. Supporting evidence for the first idea:
2. Supporting evidence for the first idea:
3. Supporting evidence for the first idea:

     2. Second main idea:

          a. Supporting evidence for second main idea:

          b. Supporting evidence for second main idea:

          c. Supporting evidence for second main idea:

     3. Third main idea:

          a. Supporting evidence for third main idea:

          b. Supporting evidence for third main idea:

          c. Supporting evidence for third main idea:

III. Conclusion

     1. Restatement of your thesis: