**Thesis and Outline**

You will need a thesis and outline when you begin writing your research paper. They are integral to your ability to present an insightful thesis statement, provide exemplary synthesis of ideas, and demonstrate exceptional selection of supporting information. If, instead, you try to organize your paper as you write it, your paper will be repetitive and chaotic.

Your outline reflects your research, so it may change as you continue to research your thesis.

Your outline will be in complete sentences.

Outline

I. Introduction Paragraph

A. Attention grabber:

B. Background/Context:

C. Thesis:

II. First main problem:

A. Research:

B. How this point relates to thesis:

III. Second main problem:

A. Research:

B. How this point relates to thesis:

IV. Third main problem:

A. Research:

B. How this point relates to thesis:

V. Solution:

A. Research

B. How this point solves problem:

VI. Counterargument:

1. Research
2. How does this solve the problem?:

VII. Closing

A. Restate thesis:

B. Explain consequences or significance of topic: