

Detailed Outline – Reminders

- ❖ **You MUST include your thesis and forecast**
 - Thesis statement – it is your argument/focus of your paper
 - It can be reworked as you finish research and begin writing
- ❖ **You SHOULD include a topic sentence for each of your supporting paragraphs**
 - Topic sentences – help transition from one paragraph to the next
 - All ideas within this paragraph help support the topic sentence
- ❖ **You MUST have the beginnings of a conclusion**
 - Conclusion – does not need to be finalized, but show that you have thought about it
 - It is NOT a laundry list of all the points you made in your paper – it wraps it up (icing on the cake, bow on the present)
- ❖ **If you use quotations (which you should), you need to REFERENCE THE SOURCE on the outline**
 - They do not need to be in footnote style in any specific style – just show the source
 - You should cite all your sources used throughout outline
- ❖ **There is NO specific page length for the outline – it should help you write your 7-11 page paper**
 - The more you do now, the better off you will be in a few weeks!