

TEACHING THE MULTIPARAGRAPH ESSAY
PRE-WRITING
OUTLINES
STUDENT HANDOUT

Now it's time to learn about using an outline as a form of pre-writing. Copy the sample your teacher gives you on the back of this sheet. Notice the following things about the outline:

1. The title is the subject of the pre-writing. It is the same as the #1 idea you did for bubble clusters and spider diagrams.
2. The lines that start with Roman numerals (I and II) are the same as the #2 ideas you did earlier.
3. The lines that start with capital letters (A and B) are the same as the #3 ideas you did earlier.
4. Each capital letter line has at least 5 words in it (same as the #3 ideas you did earlier).
5. The different ideas are indented (moved to the right in columns). When you do your practice outline, watch to make sure you are lining them up like the sample.
6. If you like outlines, you probably don't need to keep using the numbers at the end of each line. They tend to get in the way for people who like to outline.