**Research Paper Outline Template**

You may find this template on the class website and may download it and cut and paste it into a Word document so you can adjust the template to suit your needs.

This template is for a research paper (essay) with three main points. They will be best arranged in ascending order (least important to most important). Of course, all of the points must be important; it’s just a matter of degree.

\*This template may be adjusted to fit your needs. If you need to add extra details, just

add them.

\*\*Your final outline must be word-processed. It must be double-spaced in Times New

Roman 12-point font. You must include the sources that you are using in

parentheses.

I have included spaces for your:

1) Working title – This may change by the time you complete your paper.

2) Thesis statement – this sentence should be a statement, not a question, of what you

intend to prove in your paper. The thesis statement includes a mention of the three

main points to come. You may need to revise the thesis statement several times

during the course of writing the paper.

3) At least four major points you plan to make in your research paper. Each of these

major points should support the thesis statement.

4) Topic sentences – one for each of your three major points

5) Two details, pieces of information, or evidence from your notes with the sources listed (in parentheses) for each of your major points

6) Concluding sentence and lead-in for the next paragraph – one for each paragraph.

These sentences should remind you how you should consistently be communicating to

your readers why you’re telling them what you’re telling them.

7) Conclusion for your research paper – The conclusion should sum up the reasons you

have given that support your thesis. You should add insight by giving some thoughts

on the implications of what you have just written or proven.

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Stalin: The Evil Dictator

Thesis statement:

I. Introduction – The introduction should contain a “hook”, general quote, or interesting fact. You will then add two-three broad, general statements, and your thesis statement.

II. Body of Paper

1. Joseph Stalin’s biography

1. Detail or example from your note cards (with source)

2. Detail or example from your note card (with source)

3. Detail or example from your note card (with source) – if needed

B. Stalin’s Political View

1. Detail or example from your note cards (with source)

2. Detail or example from your note cards (with source)

3. Detail or example from your note cards (with source) – if needed

C. Stalin’s accomplishments

1. Detail or example from your note cards (with source)

2. Detail or example from your note card (with source)

3. Detail or example from your note card (with source) – if needed

D. Stalin’s legacy

1. Detail or example from your note cards (with source)

2. Detail or example from your note cards (with source)

3. Detail or example from your note cards (with source) – if needed

III. Conclusion

Restate your thesis, mentioning all three of your major points again, without repeating the same words you used in your introduction (at least 5 sentences).