

Essay Outline Format

N.B. Writing projects aren't too predictable – so this document is a snapshot of where the project is right now, not a guarantee of how it'll look when finished. You are free to change the plan later if you have a better idea.

The following sections should be completed, in the order below, numbered 1 to 4. You will get a good mark for completing all the sections with a reasonable level of detail, thus showing that you have put some serious thought into your essay plan. I will let you know if I see any roadblocks to writing a successful essay along the lines you suggest.

1. **Thesis.** Say what claim or claims you will be defending in the essay.
2. **Exposition.** List the texts you have read, or promise to read, to do the essay. State which parts or arguments from each reading that you intend to cover.
3. **Arguments.** Summarise, as far as possible, your present plan for how you will argue for your thesis.
4. **Objections.** List the objections to your own thesis and/or arguments that, at this point, seem to need responding to.

Total length: about 300 - 400 words, or 1 side of a standard letter-size page.