3 Paragraph Expository ESSAY OUTLINE

Expository Essays give facts or directions, explain ideas, or define words, just like expository paragraphs. You should focus on making your meaning clear and understandable.

- Writing Topic: Reasons why the Grand Canyon is a popular park.
- Three main points about the topic 1. History 2. Location 3. Uniqueness

FIRST PARAGRAPH: INTRODUCTION

Sentence #1- Topic Sentence (use words in the topic and add a general number word, such as several, many, some, or numerous, instead of the exact number of points you will discuss.)

Example: Grand Canyon National Park is one of America’s most popular national parks for several reasons.

Sentence #2- Extra information (add an extra comment about the topic sentence. You can use words like although, because, whenever, even though, etc. to help you develop your sentence.)

Example: Because the Grand Canyon is one of nature’s most awesome sights, it is visited by thousands of tourists every year.

Sentence #3- 3-point sentence (List the 3 main points in the order you will present them. You can list the points with or without the specific number in front.)

Example: Three reasons for its popularity are its history, location, and uniqueness.

SECOND PARAGRAPH: WRITING THE BODY

Sentence #4- First Point

Example: The Grand Canyon is popular for its history.

Sentence #5- Supporting Sentence-Write one or two sentences that support your first point.

Example: There are many good stories about its exploration by the great John Wesley Powell and other adventurers.

Sentence #6- Second Point

Example: The Grand Canyon is also popular for its location.

Sentence #7- Supporting Sentence- Write one or two sentences that support your second point.
Example: The Grand Canyon is located in northern Arizona, a very interesting and beautiful tourist spot.

**Sentence #8** - Third Point

Example: Uniqueness is another reason for the Grand Canyon’s popularity.

**Sentence #9** - Supporting sentence-write one or two sentences that support your third point.

Example: The spectacular view of the Colorado River a mile below the rim, the canyon’s enormous size, and the beautiful forms and colors of rocks are breathtaking sights.

**THIRD PARAGRAPH: WRITING THE CONCLUSION**

**Sentence #10** - Concluding General Sentence- Rewrite the topic sentence using many as your general word and say things a little differently. It helps to add a final note to begin with (In conclusion...)

Example: In conclusion, the Grand Canyon is a popular place for many reasons.

**Sentence #11** - Concluding Summary (Final) Sentence- Read the enumeration sentence again and then rewrite it using some of the same words to say the same thing in a different way.

Example: The Park’s history, location, and uniqueness make it the most magnificent canyon in the world.