Illustration Essay Outline Template

Introduction

- **Hook** Begin with an attention grabber: a short story, example, statistic, quote or historical context that introduces the paper topic.
- **Background Information** Provide key information the audience may need to fully understand the concept being illustrated in the essay.
- **Thesis Statement** The introduction must end with a THESIS statement (a 1 to 2 sentences in length):
 - Tell what the overall paper will focus on
 - Briefly outline the main points in the paper

Body

Body Pargraph 1

- **Topic Sentence** This sentence identifies the topic of the paragraph and how it relates to the thesis statement; *should be your first main point.*
- **Explain and Exemplify** -You need to provide many examples to illustrate your points. Give strong examples, details, and explanations to support each main points.
- **Concluding sentence** This sentence wraps up the paragraph and transitions the reader to the next idea in the following paragraph.



Body Paragraph 2

• **Topic Sentence** - This sentence identifies the topic of the paragraph and how it relates to the thesis statement; *should be your second main point.*

- **Explain and Exemplify** -You need to provide many examples to illustrate your points. Give strong examples, details, and explanations to support each main points.
- **Concluding sentence** This sentence wraps up the paragraph and transitions the reader to the next idea in the following paragraph.

Body Paragraph 3

- **Topic Sentence** This sentence identifies the topic of the paragraph and how it relates to the thesis statement; *should be your third main point.*
- **Explain and Exemplify** -You need to provide many examples to illustrate your points. Give strong examples, details, and explanations to support each main points.
- **Concluding sentence** This sentence wraps up the paragraph and transitions the reader to the next idea in the following paragraph.

Conclusion

- Reiterate the main points within each body paragraph and prove to the reader that you proved your argument.
- Should not introduce any new information; focus only one what's already been presented as evidence in the essay.