

## Outline for a Problem/Solution Essay

### I. Introduction

- A. Capture the reader's interest. (i.e., anecdote)
- B. Describe the problem (thesis).
- C. State causes, effects and consequences of failing to solve the problem.

*Note: Thesis statement may or may not be the first sentence in the paragraph*

### II. Body Paragraph

- A. Provide a solution to the problem.
- B. Explain the logical steps for carrying out the solution.
- C. Explore the pros and cons of the solution. (Consider arguments against or criticism of your solution.)

### III. Body Paragraph

- A. Provide another solution to the problem.
- B. Explain the logical steps for carrying out the solution.
- C. Explore the pros and cons of the solution. (Consider arguments against or criticism of your solution.)

### IV. Body Paragraph

- A. Provide another solution to the problem.
- B. Explain the logical steps for carrying out the solution.
- C. Explore the pros and cons of the solution. (Consider arguments against or criticism of your solution.)

### V. Conclusion

- A. Restate the problem and its consequences.
- B. Provide a rationale as to why you feel one particular solution is best.
- C. Provide evidence and/or reasons to support your position.

## Outline for a Problem/Solution Essay

### **I. Introduction**

- A. Describe the problem and tell why it is a problem (thesis).
- B. State a cause, an effect and a consequence of failing to solve the problem.

*Note: Thesis statement may or may not be the first sentence in the paragraph*

### **II. Body Paragraph (solution and steps)**

- A. Provide a solution to the problem.
- B. Tell why it is the best solution (benefits).
- C. Explain the logical steps for carrying out the solution.

### **III. Body Paragraph (argument and counterargument)**

- A. Acknowledge the argument(s) against or criticism of your solution.
- B. Restate why your proposed solution would have a positive impact on the problem.

### **IV. Conclusion**

- A. Restate the problem and its consequences.
- B. Provide evidence and/or reasons to support your position.