

Vietnam Essay Outline

WRITING GOAL FOR THIS PAPER (*choose 2 specific areas to work on based on feedback on your 1950s essay*):

Paragraph 1 (Intro Paragraph)

What is the general topic of this essay? (Remember, you want to start your intro broad and get more narrow/focused as you go on.)

What general information does the reader need about this topic? (What is the topic being discussed? What information is needed to give the reader enough background to understand the topic?)

When did the event being discussed take place?

Where is the action taking place?

What other information does the reader need to know as background?

Why is the issue/topic important or relevant?

What will this essay explain and/or argue? (What is your specific thesis? Your thesis should contain the topics of your body paragraphs and be focused on the LESSONS.)

Thesis – Write your thesis statement below as it will appear in the paper.

Paragraph 2 (First Body Paragraph)

What is the topic of this paragraph? (What specific point will this paragraph illustrate with three examples?) –
WRITE IN A COMPLETE SENTENCE!

What are the three examples that illustrate the specific topic? (FIRST give the example with detail and SECOND be sure to explain what each example shows and how it supports your argument. This second part is your ANALYSIS.)

1.)

2.)

3.)

What statement wraps up this topic and transitions the reader into the next paragraph? (What conclusion can be drawn from the examples from the examples in this paragraph? AND How does the topic of this paragraph connect to the topic of the following paragraph?)

Paragraph 3 (Second Body Paragraph)

What is the topic of this paragraph? (What specific point will this paragraph illustrate with three examples?) –
WRITE IN A COMPLETE SENTENCE!

What are the three examples that illustrate the specific topic? (FIRST give the example with detail and SECOND be sure to explain what each example shows and how it supports your argument. This second part is your ANALYSIS.)

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What statement wraps up this topic? (What conclusion can be drawn from the examples from the examples in this paragraph?)

Paragraph 4 (Conclusion)

What phrase serves as a transition from the body of the paper?

What more can now be said about the ideas expressed in the thesis statement? (Restate, in new terms, the thesis statement and recap your argument in 2-3 sentences.)

What thought-provoking statement concludes the essay?

Why is the topic of this essay important to study/learn about/remember? (How can you broaden the scope of your discussion?)

How does the topic of the essay relate to later events/issues? (How is this topic still relevant today?
Is it an issue that has come up again? How so?)