

“Handout: Expository Essay Outline Directions”

Follow the outline below while drafting the essay. You may want to reorganize the content of individual paragraphs after the first revision session.

Courage Expository Essay

- I Introductory Paragraph
 - A. Develop an engaging lead.
 - 1) A strong lead consists of a sentence or two that grabs the readers attention while introducing the topic.
 - B. In your own words, define courage.
 - C. Identify the courageous person you have chosen to research.
 - D. Use a simile or a metaphor to illuminate some of the characteristics of the courageous individual.
 - E. Craft a thesis statement.
 - 1) A thesis statement clearly presents the overall purpose of the writing to follow.

- II First Example of the Person's Courage
 - A. Identify an example of a courageous act.
 - B. Describe the particulars of the incident (who, what, where, when, why, how).
 - C. Transition to the next paragraph.

- III Second Example of the Person's Courage
 - A. Identify an example of a courageous act.
 - B. Describe the particulars of the incident (who, what, where, when, why, how).
 - C. Transition to the next paragraph.

- IV Third Example of the Person's Courage
 - A. Identify an example of a courageous act.
 - B. Describe the particulars of the incident (who, what, where, when, why, how).
 - C. Transition to the next paragraph.

- V Concluding Paragraph
 - A. Clearly restate the thesis.
 - B. Relate why you selected this person to exemplify courage.
 - C. Offer a reflection on insights or inspirations you. experienced while working on this project. Specifically, how does this person's courage inspire you?