Extended Essay Outline

An outline is a required process piece for the extended essay. An outline is important for developing a structure for you essay.

A good outline is important because . . . .

* It prevents writer’s block. It will show you where you are going and what how you will develop your argument.
* It helps you stay organized and focused.
* It helps you stay motivated. It’s easier to draft an essay with an outline to guide the way rather than begin writing a 15 page essay with no road map.
* It helps you organize multiple ideas about a topic.

Directions:

1. This will be a **sentence** outline, meaning it will be completed in full sentences.
2. This will be a roman/Arabic numeral, capital and small letter outline.

I. Main Idea

A. Evidence supporting main idea

1. Analysis of evidence

1. As with any outline, if there is a I, there must be a II. If there is an A., there must be a B, etc.
2. **The thesis should be stated before you begin the outline. It is impossible to assess the outline if the thesis is unknown.**
3. **A works cited should accompany your outline.**

Helpful links:

<http://libguides.usc.edu/writingguide/outline>

<http://www.easybib.com/guides/students/writing-guide/iii-outline/c-creating-an-outline/>