

## **“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?