

EXIT ESSAY OUTLINE

Paragraph 1: Introduction:

- author, title, and genre (essay or short story)
- main idea expressed by the author
- your thesis statement
- very brief summary of points to be raised in your essay

Paragraph 2: First Point

- topic sentence
- examples or details from the text
- explanation of their significance or implications
- concluding sentence

Paragraph 3: Next Point

- topic sentence
- examples or details from the text
- explanation of their significance or implications
- concluding sentence

Paragraph 4: Next Point

- topic sentence
- examples or details from the text
- explanation of their significance or implications
- concluding sentence

Paragraph 5: Conclusion

- restatement of your thesis
- recap of your major points
- your final thoughts

N.B. You may have more than three body paragraphs if you have more than three main points.