

## Outline Organization and Sample Outline

- I. **Introduction:**  
**Thesis Statement:**
- II. **Topic Sentence for Body Paragraph 1:**
  - a. **Supporting detail**
  - b. **Supporting detail**
  - c. **Supporting detail**
- III. **Topic Sentence for Body Paragraph 2:**
  - a. **Supporting detail**
  - b. **Supporting detail**
  - c. **Supporting detail**
- IV. **Topic Sentence for Body Paragraph 3:**
  - a. **Supporting detail**
  - b. **Supporting detail**
  - c. **Supporting detail**
- V. **Conclusion: Restatement of thesis showing how 3 main points prove thesis.**

### Example:

- I. **Introduction**  
**Thesis Statement:** Art and Music education should be part of high school curriculum because of its mental, social, and intellectual benefits.
- II. Education in music and art helps students by giving them an outlet for their creativity.
  - a. Visual arts encourages creativity, which can give an outlet for stress
  - b. Music also relieves stress and leads to better mental health
  - c. Finally, drama classes develop creative interpretation.
- III. In addition to mental benefits, art and musical education provides social networks for students
  - a. Students participating in the Arts learn to cooperate with others.
  - b. Art and music classes help students find niches.
  - c. Art and music classes provide life-long positive friendships.
- IV. Finally, art and music education enhances students intellectually, benefitting all other subjects.
  - a. Enhanced creativity learned in art and music classes helps with creativity in other subjects.

- b. Students who participate in music and art are proven to perform better in all subjects.
- V. All in all, music and art should remain a part of high school education. Even though the costs are high, the mental, social, and intellectual benefits are worth it. Art and music education is an example of money well spent in education.