Sentence Outline Template

**Introduction**

* Start with an attention grabber: a short story, example, statistic, or historical context that introduces the paper topic
* Give an overview of any issues involved with the subject
* Define any key terminology needed to understand the topic
* Highlight background information on the topic needed to understand the direction of the paper

## Thesis Statement (One sentence that states your point.)

# Body Paragraph 1

Topic Sentence: Present your point

Give an Example

Explanation (Explain how your example supports your claim)

Example 2

Explanation 2

Present counterargument

Refute counterargument

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# Body Paragraph 3

Topic Sentence: Present your point

Give an Example

Explanation (Explain how your example supports your claim)

Example 2

Explanation 2

Present counterargument

Refute counterargument

\*Note- you are not limited to 3 paragraphs, but that is the minimum.

**Conclusion** (Should restate thesis, summarize your points, and offer a final thought.)