

The Harvard Outline

So what if we are not Harvard students.

Let's learn how to outline as they do!

Okay, so we don't go to Harvard, so why do we have to write one?

- ✦ The Harvard Outline is one of the most controlled and logical tools for organization - but it is also a tool for generating content.
- ✦ We will be writing a Harvard outline. Ultimately, it will help you write a great essay.
- ✦ After that, it will be an expectation that all writing assignments will be outlined in some way.

What is a Harvard Outline anyway?

- ✦ It is a structured outline that lays out your ideas for an essay *before* you put all the effort into writing it.
- ✦ It is composed of phrases and key words only.
NO COMPLETE SENTENCES!
- ✦ The focus is on the thesis and the topic sentences: the four most important components of your essay!

Sample Harvard outline...

✦ The Harvard outline generally looks like this:

I. Introduction

A. A brief discussion of theme behind your selected feminist critique

- 1. “You educate a woman and you educate a generation.”**
- 2. “Disobedience is the true foundation of liberty.”**

B. Task (in your own words)--agree or disagree

C. T.A.G. of I am Malala and brief discussion of the relevance book

D. brief introduction and discussion (TAG) of the three texts from the feminist anthology that you will use

E. Thesis Statement

Then, do the same for each body paragraph

- ✦ Roman Numerals II., III., and IV. should be titled by the topic you are discussing (ie: Malala and “Yellow Wallpaper”)
- ✦ A. in each should be the topic sentence
- ✦ Every 1 must have a 2. Every A. must have a B.
- ✦ Each portion of the Harvard outline should segue into the next portion.
- ✦ Every body portion of the outline should include a specific citation to be used as proof. It must have a page number where appropriate.

Internal Citations

- ✿ Familiarize yourself with easy bib, if you have not already
- ✿ Let's practice!
- ✿ So, here is what the citation should look like

Schmidt, Michael S. "Benghazi Committee to Walk Fine Line in Questioning Hillary Clinton." The New York Times. The New York Times, 22 Oct. 2015. Web. 22 Oct. 2015. <http://www.nytimes.com/2015/10/23/us/politics/hillary-clinton-benghazi-committee.html?hp&action=click&pgtype=Homepage&module=first-column-region&ion=top-news&WT.nav=top-news&_r=0>.

Homework

- ✦ Complete the Harvard outline of the introduction and body paragraphs of your Siddhartha culmination essay
- ✦ Print it so I can check it Monday.