

# Short Essay Outline – For Essays Less Than 5 Pages

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Essay topic:

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Thesis statement:

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## Introduction Paragraph

Topic sentence: This grabs your readers' attention.

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**Background points:** This gives a general idea of what you are writing about.

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3. **Enter Your Thesis Statement Here:** 

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## 1<sup>st</sup> Body Paragraph

Topic sentence:

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Supporting points

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Body Paragraph

Topic sentence:

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Supporting points

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## 3<sup>rd</sup> Body Paragraph

Topic sentence:

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Supporting points

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## 4<sup>th</sup> Body Paragraph

Topic sentence:

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Supporting points

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**Concluding Idea: This idea should match/agree with your thesis statement.**

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