Formal Typed Outline

The following is an example of the format required for the formal TYPED outline. Use this handout to guide you through writing your own outline. This is a GUIDELINE ONLY. Your actual number and content of paragraphs, as well as CD count, will be dependent upon topic. Your concrete details should come directly from your sources.

- MOST CD's WILL BE PARAPHRASED.
- EVERY CD should have a PD (whether paraphrased or quoted).

<u>Heading should follow MLA format.</u>

I. Major thesis statement; Research Question

II. Background/Overview

A. Concrete detail/s **Include parenthetical documentation after each CD.**

B. Concrete detail/s

III. Topic sentence for body paragraph #1

A. Concrete detail/s

B. Concrete detail/s

IV. Topic sentence for body paragraph #2

A. Concrete detail/s

B. Concrete detail/s

V. Topic sentence for body paragraph #3

A. Concrete detail/s

B. Concrete detail/s

VI. Conclusion: This should begin with a restated version of the major thesis statement/research question. It should also include reiterations of all of your major points.

***Important Reminders:

1. The purpose of a research paper is to provide evidence to prove a point, assertion, or hypothesis. <u>That evidence must be from multiple, reputable, reliable, and valid sources.</u> You must provide evidence of your research by citing <u>all of your sources,</u> both in the body of the paper and on the works cited page.
2. If your sources are not cited, you are in essence, stealing someone else's ideas and presenting them as your own. This is considered plagiarism and will result in an automatic "F".
3. If you do not have a minimum of FIVE sources (each USED a minimum of ONCE IN THE PAPER), you will receive an automatic "D".