Assignments 6+9: Making an Outline on Noodle Tools

To organize your research paper, you will create an outline. This will act as the skeleton to your paper’s argument. On Noodle Tools, there is a feature that allows you to easily outline your information. You can actually drag and drop notecards that pertain to specific areas of your paper right into it. This is a very good tool, and you will use it for your outlining process.

Step 1: Log into Noodle Tools
Step 2: Go to your Notecard Tabletop
Step 3: Create an outline template on the right hand side using the buttons. Your template should correspond to the one on page 20 of your packet.

Push this button to add items to your outline.

Use this button to move items to the left in your outline. The farther an outline item is to the left, the broader the point is. Therefore, main sections of your paper should be farthest to the left.

Use this button to move items to the right in your outline. The farther an outline item is to the right, the more specific the point is. Therefore, specific examples, stories or quotes supporting the points of your paper should be farthest to the right.

Delete a section of your outline with this button.

If you want to reorganize your main points, move them up and down by highlighting them, and clicking these buttons.

You can print your outline you’d like, choose this button.
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Setting the formatting up for this ahead of time will help you organize. Once you really know where you are going with your paper, you can drag notecards into the outline too. This will be really helpful for you as you actually write your rough draft. You can print out the entire outline, notecards and all, at that point. This will improve the writing process for you.

**ASSIGNMENT 6:**
You **must** have AT LEAST....
- a working thesis (I. C.)
- A topic sentence for your first main point, with the main point stated (II.)
- At least one supporting detail for your first main point (II.A.)
- At least one example, quote, fact for that detail (II.A.1.)
- A topic sentence for your second main point (III.)
- A topic sentence for your third main point (IV.)
- An attempt to restate your working thesis in your Conclusion section (V.)

**IDEALLY** you will also have...
- an idea for a “grabber” (I.A.)
- some brief background info for introduction paragraph (I.B.)
- A second supporting detail for your first main point (II.B.)
- A supporting detail for your second main point (III.A.)
- An example, quote, fact for that supporting detail (III.A.1.)

**Organization Tip**
Drag and drop notecards from your table top into the outline to connect them to your main points. You can drop piles of them, or single note cards. When you print, there is an option to print with those notecards. This will be helpful when you are ready to start your rough draft!

Set up the template based on page 20 of your packet.

**Assignments 9+10**
You must have all areas of the outline filled out by this point.