

Background: Since you're gathering information somewhat randomly, it's important to know if it hangs together. So let's skeleton out your argument in an outline.

Assignment

- 1) **Decide your thesis** using Thesis Clinic principles. Type this thesis at the top of your outline.
- 2) Inside your Research Basket document (where you have pasted your 3-5 researched items), **drag-and-drop your research into a rough logical order**. Cut-paste some items into new configurations, depending on the needs of your paper.
- 3) Start a new document called "Essay Outline" and outline the order and content of your paragraphs. Use Roman outline format (I, II, III, A, B, C, 1, 2, 3, etc.)
- 4) **25 items minimum** are required in your outline. Plan for a 1200 word paper (4-pages) double spaced.
- 5) Echo your **THESIS** throughout your body paragraphs to weave a strong thread. (*See Ilc below*)
- 6) Include in your outline: (a) introduction and thesis; (b) all body paragraphs; (c) counterpoint and (d) conclusion.

Sample outline (26 items)

Topic: The Trojan War

Thesis: Archeological findings by Schliemann match several details from Homer's Iliad, suggesting the Trojan War did occur though critics have tried to disparage the concept.

- I. Introduction: What is the Iliad? What is the Trojan War?
 - A. QCCAN hook: something about an exciting battle description from the Trojan War
 1. Spear in chest! (**research #1**)
 2. This is from the Trojan War—or is it?
 - B. Date of Trojan War (1200 BC) and location (**research #5**)
 - C. Date of Homer
 1. Iliad and Homer (800 BC)
 2. Oral storytelling of the day (**research #4**)
 - D. *Thesis* Archeological findings in recent years match several details from Homer's Iliad, suggesting the Trojan War did occur.
- II. Heinrich Schliemann
 - A. Who he was + why he cared about finding evidence for Troy
 - B. Archeological search details
 1. Schliemann's use of the Iliad (**research #2**)
 2. The ashes (**research #1**)
 - a. Ilium = Troy
 - b. Priam = King of Troy (**research #2**)
- III. Homer's Iliad: What matches
 - A. Burned city & name of city
 - B. Walls (all from (**research #4**))
- IV. Counterpoint
 - A. Holt theory: Troy in Yugoslavia (**research #5**)
 - B. Problems: Homer passage #134d (**research #3**)
- V. Conclusion
 - A. Say thesis again
 - B. Smith's quote about how humanity has always been intrigued by the Trojan War (card 9)
 - C. Proof exists that they should be intrigued (**research #3**)