

Essay III – Basic Outline Worksheet

Introduction: Understanding

What background does your reader need to know in order to understand the issue these sources disagree about?

What is your first source (citation)?

What is the position of your first source?

What are the arguments your first source gives for its position?

What is your second source (citation)?

What is the position of your second source?

What are the arguments your second source gives for its position?

1st Section: Common Ground

What common ground do the sources share? What do they agree about?

2nd Section: Conditional Validity

What is the root of the disagreement between your sources?

What valid points does your first source make? (Under what conditions are these points valid?)

What valid points does your second source make? (Under what conditions are these points valid?)

Conclusion: Reconciling Positions

What is missing from the position of your first source? (Ideally, this is something which is important to the values expressed in your first source.)

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