

## Creating an Outline

An outline not only helps you organize your ideas, it also helps you see where you need more information and which notes don't fit into your essay. Use the model below to help you organize your research paper.

Here is an *example* of an outline for an essay:

**Title:** The Origins of the Mobile Phone

**I. Introduction**

A. In society today, it is rare to find someone who does not utilize a cell phone on a daily basis.

**II. Short History of Cellular Devices**

A. Who Invented the Device?

1. Name

2. Background History of Inventor

i. When and where was he/she born?

ii. Where did they live?

iii. Married/children?

iv. Any other intention

v. Where did they work?

B. Why was the mobile phone invented?

i. What was it used for?

ii. How did it change over time?

iii. Was there a time line for this invention?

iv. Facts or figures

v. How long did the invention take to create/ failures?

**III. How has this invention benefited you or society?**

A. What has it done for people?

B. Did it make our lives better or easier? Explain

1. Has it helped the world? Explain

**IV. How will your product enhance the already designed product?**

A. Is there anything out there similar to your invention? If so, how is yours different or the same?

B. Tell a bit about the similar inventions and what makes yours different

**VI. Conclusion**

A. Why do you admire this person?

**\*\*Your outline may vary significantly from the model above. This is just a sample\*\***

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