

# MLA Outline Notes

**Purpose:** The outline lets me know how you are going to organize your paper before you begin writing it. It will act as a rough draft in abbreviated form. I hope that you will use a combination of your note cards and this outline to write your paper.

# MLA Format

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Tenure: The End of Free Rides

**Thesis:** Write your final polished thesis here.

I. Introduction to Tenure

(5 spaces) A. History of Tenure

(7 spaces) 1. Early Education

(9 spaces) a. Women and minorities were treated differently and were often fired without cause

(11 spaces) i. If a woman became pregnant, her job security was in danger

B. Tenure throughout the Years

1. College Tenure
2. Public Education Tenure

C. Tenure as a problem

1. Promotes lackadaisical attitudes
  - a. No motivation to be a better teacher
2. Makes bad teachers difficult to get rid of
  - a. Costly
  - b. Time consuming
3. Education is suffering
  - a. Stat about America's education ranking

Thesis

II. Next section of paper

**Etc.**

# Rules

- 12 point Times Roman font
- Typed
- Double-spaced
- 1" margins
- Header and Heading
- **3 full pages long - minimum**
- Outline entire paper
- MLA format

# Proposal Argument Structure

## I. Introduction

- A. Identify the Problem
- B. Brief Background/History of the problem
- C. How do you know it's a problem?
- D. Thesis

## II. – III. What has caused this problem (lots of research)

## IV. What are the benefits of fixing this problem (more research)

## V. –VI. What other solutions have been tried

- A. Why haven't they worked (all research based)

## VI.-?. Your Proposed Solution

- A. Each part of your solution goes into a separate paragraph
  - 1. Mostly your own ideas with research to support your claims and ideas

## X. Conclusion

- A. A call for action
  - 1. What needs to be done to implement your proposal?
  - 2. Look into the future and explain what happens if your proposal is followed or if it isn't.