

EducationUSA Canada Essay Writing Exercise #3 Outline

Choose your essay prompt:

1. Open your Themes and Stories exercise document.
2. After attending the second boot camp session, take time to review and edit the table. If something seems like it is in the wrong column, move it to the other column. Delete out any stories that you know you won't write an essay about.
3. Start with the first Story in the righthand column. Draw a line to each Theme on in the left column that is exemplified in this story. It could be one. It could be all of them!
4. Move to the next Story and repeat the above exercise. Do this for each Story.
5. Open the [Common App prompts](#) (or other essay prompts you are working with)
6. Review your Stories and consider which one (or ones) you might want to use to write your essay. If you find that a couple of your Stories express the same Themes, you may choose to write an essay using multiple examples.
7. Choose the Common App prompt that you think would be best for your Story or Stories. If you aren't sure, you can make outlines for each prompt you think might work.
8. You are now ready to make an outline! Go to the next page.

Summary:

PROMPT (copy/paste prompt you will be answering)

THEMES

STORY/STORIES

Outline:

INTRODUCTION

Hook (save for last)

Main topic/thesis (answer to the prompt)

BODY PARAGRAPH 1 (What is the point of this paragraph? What part of the story are you telling? What themes are explored?)

BODY PARAGRAPH 2 (What is the point of this paragraph? What part of the story are you telling? What themes are explored?)

BODY PARAGRAPH 3 (Do you need a third paragraph? What is the point of this paragraph? What part of the story are you telling? What themes are explored?)

CONCLUSION (What did you learn? What is the point? Which themes will be summarized here?)