

Sample outline

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1. Please use **short phrases** to summarize each point.
2. As for the thesis statement, please write **a complete sentence**.
3. Confine your outline to **three levels**. That is, use Roman numerals (I, II, III, IV, V, etc.) to identify main points that develop the thesis statement. Use capital letters (A, B, C, etc.) to divide your main points into parts. Use Arabic numerals (1, 2, 3, etc.) if you need to subdivide any As, Bs, or Cs into smaller parts.

Topic: The Internet's Effects on Education

I. Introduction

- A. Importance of the internet
- B. Concerns about internet use
- C. Thesis statement: Internet use has a net positive effect on education.

II. The internet's harmful effects on attention

- A. Smartphone as classroom distraction
 1. Data exploring this effect
 2. Analysis indicating it is overstated
- B. Impatience with reading
 1. Students' reading levels over time
 2. Why this data is questionable

III. Flexibility the internet allows for

- A. Variety of media to engage different learners
 1. Video media
 2. Interactive media
- B. Accessible means of independent research
 1. Speed and simplicity of online research
 2. Questions about reliability (transitioning into next topic)

IV. Students' use of Wikipedia

- A. Negatives of Wikipedia
 1. Evidence indicating its ubiquity
 2. Claims that it discourages engagement with academic writing
- B. Positives of Wikipedia
 1. Evidence that Wikipedia warns students not to cite it
 2. Argument that it introduces students to citation

V. Conclusion

- A. Summary of key points
- B. Value of digital education for students
- C. Need for optimism to embrace advantages of the internet