

Things Fall Apart Research Essay Outline Format

ESSAY TITLE

Introduction:

- I. Attention Getter/Hook (I actually want you to place the quote/scenario opening here)
- II. Thesis Statement (Write out your actual thesis. You must have your subtopics and unifying element. You should try to make it an open thesis. Try to move away from ABC thesis statements.
 - a. For Example: Colonization had a significant impact on changing the lives of people all over Africa and this change is seen in Achebe's novel *Things Fall Apart*.

Body Paragraphs (The format should look the same for each body

paragraph. Please do the following for each body paragraph for your essay)

- I. Topic Sentence (Write out the sentence. Each topic sentence should have the unifying element and a subtopic)
 - a. For example: Religion is a major area of change in Africa during colonization and this change has a major impact on Okonkwo's family.
- II. Concrete Detail (Place the quote here and you also need to have proper parenthetical citation behind your quote)
 - a. For example: "they denied Africans of having a culture, history and a belief in a Supreme God. R. F. Burton, for example cast aspersion on the religion of the Negroes he met in the course of his consular work in 1863. He denied them of any belief in God and any sense of morality" (Gbenda).
- III. Transition to Second Chunk (Please write the sentence that will help you to transition to the second chunk of your paragraph)
 - a. For example: This change brought about by the skewed views of the Christian colonization proved to be detrimental to the stability of Okonkwo's family.

IV. Concrete Detail (Same rules apply from above. Place the quote to support the second point in your paragraph)

- a. For example: "...there was a young lad who had been captivated. His name was Nwoye, Okonkwo's first son (...) He did not understand it. It was the poetry of the new religion, something felt in the marrow" (Achebe 147).

V. Transition Sentence (Write the sentence that will transition you to your next body paragraph)

Conclusion

- I. Revisit Your Thesis (Write the sentence that will begin your conclusion here)
- II. Strong Closing Statement (Write the final sentence of your conclusion here)