

Pre -Outlining Strategies

Title -- Underline -- List -- Summarize

Most birds do not sing when it is raining very hard. This is also true when there is a strong wind.

Birds don't sing much when it is very hot or very cold. Just before or after a storm many birds sing more than they usually do. (GMI C-11-1)

Basic Starter OUTLINE

Main Idea

detail

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detail

The green plant is the greatest producer of food on Earth, more powerful than the agribusiness corporation. Plants use chlorophyll, the substance that makes them green, to capture light energy from the sun. They add carbon dioxide from the atmosphere to make food sugars to feed themselves. Finally, they become either all or part of the food eaten by all the animals on Earth.

(GMI H-7-3)

Intermediary OUTLINE (Précis)

Title: (short, brief, few words)

Main Idea: (write a question)

Details: (in short, brief phrases)

1.

2.

3.

etc.

Summary Sentence: (complete sentence - restatement of main idea sentence)

The War of 1812 was, in many ways, the strangest war in the history of the United States. Two days before the war began, England stated that it would repeal those laws that were the chief cause of all the trouble. News of England's action didn't reach the United States until the war was in full swing. Also, the Battle of New Orleans, perhaps the fiercest battle of the war, took place fifteen days after the peace treaty was signed. To top this series of oddities, both England and the United States claimed to have won the war. (GMI G-7-2)

Building an Outline

I. Introduction (Background)

A. (descriptions, extra information)

B. (History, time frame)

II. Theme (Main Idea Statement)

A. }

B.} three reasons why - supporting details - short phrases

C.}

III. Conclusion (Summary Sentence)

may be directly stated or inferred, draw a conclusion