General Purpose Outline Structure

# Identify the subject/event/phenomenon

## Explain the problem

## Provide background information

## Frame a thesis statement

# Analyze the subject/event/phenomenon

## Examine the first major issue/theme/aspect…

### Detail from case study/primary source

### Type of analysis

#### Describe, Historicize, Compare, Contrast, Show Process, Interpret, Analyze, Respond (to alternative views from other secondary sources)

### Quote from secondary source

## Examine the second major issue/theme/aspect…

### Detail from case study/primary source

### Type of analysis

#### Describe, Historicize, Compare, Contrast, Show Process, Interpret, Analyze, Respond (to alternative views from other secondary sources)

### Quote from secondary source

## Examine the third major issue/theme/aspect…

### Detail from case study/primary source

### Type of analysis

#### Describe, Historicize, Compare, Contrast, Show Process, Interpret, Analyze, Respond (to alternative views from other secondary sources)

### Quote from secondary source

# Discuss your findings

## Interpret the findings

### Restate your thesis in extended form and point beyond it

## Provide answers, solutions, or a final opinion