# *Paper #1 Outline Worksheet*

# What problem do you see younger people encounter in the education system or in society that impacts their ability to successful (academically, financially, or in life)?

# A problem that I see young people face in the education system that impacts their ability to be successful is not being able to afford a higher education.

# How could that problem be eliminated or improved? Is there a realistic solution or improvement that can be made?

# A solution could be not allowing universities to charge high tuition rates, As well as not charging additional student services & fees. This can be achieved by placing a law to put a cap on the amount of tuition universities charge.

**What change in the education system or law are you proposing?**

**The change I am proposing is lowering the cost of higher education.**

**Explain 3 to 5 key benefits of this proposed change:**

1. **More students can afford college.**
2. **An educated society.**
3. **Less financial debt.**

Now, you will craft a thesis statement that will combine some of the above elements. **What change in the education system or law are you proposing AND what are the key reasons in support of that position?**  The answer to this question will be your THESIS STATEMENT:

*(Do not write your entire introductory paragraph here. Just write the thesis statement itself)*

  Lowering the cost of higher education will allow a more affordable education, less debt and prepare people for the workforce.

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| **Thesis Statement Checklist:**   * Don't use 1st person within your thesis. * Don't phrase your thesis as a question. * Make sure that your thesis statement is no longer than 2 sentences in length. * Make sure that you're not stating a fact or an obvious observation. * Make sure that your thesis statement is specific and detailed. * Your thesis statement needs to be nuanced or detailed enough so that it can be discussed usefully in at least 3 body paragraphs without becoming repetitive. Therefore, it is likely that you will need at least 3 key "reasons" for your position to be listed within the thesis statement itself. * Make sure that the "reasons" listed within your thesis can be supported with logical reasoning, not appeals to religious beliefs and/or personal feelings. |

You need to develop at least 3 body paragraphs that directly connect to the points made within your thesis. Therefore, you should first craft those topic sentences. Each of these topic sentences should directly connect to some point mentioned within the thesis statement itself.

**Topic Sentence #1:**

There will be more people prepared to meet the needs of an advancing society.

**Topic Sentence #2:**

Many people have dream jobs they want to pursue but can’t afford to get a degree because higher education is too expensive.

**Topic Sentence #3:**

When Pursuing a career financial debt can stop people from trying to go to college completely which is why tuition should be less.

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| **Topic Sentence Checklist:**   * Generally, apply all the same concepts regarding thesis statements to the phrasing of these topic sentences. * Make sure that each topic sentence clarifies a specific point supporting the position identified in your thesis. * Each topic sentence should clearly connect back to something mentioned within the thesis statement itself so as to be directly supporting that thesis statement. * You may need more than 3 body paragraphs. That is merely the suggested minimum requirement, so feel free to add additional topic sentences as needed. |