Essay Outline Format

Your essay outline should be just that- AN OUTLINE! NOT an entire paper written out in paragraphs! You will need to use your own paper and fill in the information as it applies to your paper. Follow this format:

1. Intro Paragraph
2. Introductory Information
   1. Background information
   2. THESIS STATMENT
3. Body Paragraph #1
4. Main Idea #1
   1. Topic Sentence
   2. Supporting quote from the story (with introduction of quote)
   3. Connection/explanation to main idea #1
   4. Further explanation/support
   5. Connection of 1st idea to greater importance/bigger themes
5. Body Paragraph #2
6. Main Idea #2
   1. Topic Sentence
   2. Supporting quote from the story (with introduction to quote)
   3. Connection/explanation to main idea #2
   4. Further explanation/support
   5. Connection of 2nd idea to greater importance/bigger themes
7. Body Paragraph #3
8. Main Idea #3
   1. Topic Sentence
   2. Supporting quote from the story (with introduction of quote)
   3. Connection/explanation to main idea #2
   4. Further explanation/support
   5. Connection of 3rd idea to greater importance/bigger themes
9. Conclusion
10. Provide closure for your reader
    1. Restate thesis
    2. Sum up ideas

Directions: Fill out the outline below in the same way as the template on the front of this paper.

1. Intro Paragraph
2. Introductory Information
3. Body Paragraph #1
4. Main Idea (1st idea)
5. Body Paragraph #2
6. Main Idea (2nd idea)
7. Body Paragraph #3
8. Main Idea (3rd idea)
9. Conclusion
10. Provide closure for your reader