Making an Impact:

Changing the Course

**OBJECTIVE:** You’re creating a maximum of a 4 page (8 for Honors). You'll research about a person, event, or era which/who had a lasting impact on the world.

RESEARCH QUESTION:

**REQUIREMENTS:**

**Paper Set Up -**

Use purdueowl.edu for formatting questions and samples.

Requirements for your paper:

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| **Element** | **Check** |
| Length (refer to CSA directions for On-level or Honors) |  |
| 12 point, Times New Roman |  |
| Double Spaced |  |
| Heading |  |
| Header (be sure to change font and size) |  |
| Title (the assignment is NOT your title; honor your paper with a title worthy of the work you put into it) |  |
| 1 print source (book) |  |
| 2-4 database |  |
| 1 primary source (required for Honors) |  |
| All sources are recent, reliable, and relevent |  |
| 15 notecards with quotes, nine of which are included in your paper |  |
| A works cited page in MLA format |  |

Use a critical lens to guide your research so you don’t report back irrelevant information. For example, no one really cares when George Washington was born unless it’s an unusual story and relevant to your research (In most cases, everyone was born normally, so who cares.) You’re better off using a critical lens like *How* George Washington revolutionized the military (keeping this in mind, GW’s birthdate and grammar school are obviously irrelevant).

**Content Requirements -**   
1.  The introduction will include:

* + A thought-provoking attention grabber that makes your reader want to read the rest of your paper.
  + A statement linking your attention grabber to the topic and establishing the topic’s relevance. Begin to elaborate using your critical lens.
  + A solid thesis following the formula:

Subject + Your Opinion (w/ reason) = A Thesis Statement

2.  The body:

* + The sections:
    - Do not simply tell about the era, person, or event. Remember to focus on your critical lens – use it to funnel information; then how did the person/era/invention change the world? This should include information about the area of exploration and the need for this type of change. For example, we didn’t NEED the Holocaust, but we needed people to stop it.
    - Discuss the path: accomplishments and failures and findings. Examine the explorer’s impact on people.
  + Appropriate transitions between each section.
  + Supporting evidence for each main point derived from your research.
  + *All supporting evidence must be paraphrased or cited using internal citations according to MLA guidelines.*

3.  The conclusion will include:

* + A revised thesis reminding the reader of your paper’s purpose.
  + Summarize your main points
  + A strong final thought to leave your reader thinking about your research. The moment of “wow!”

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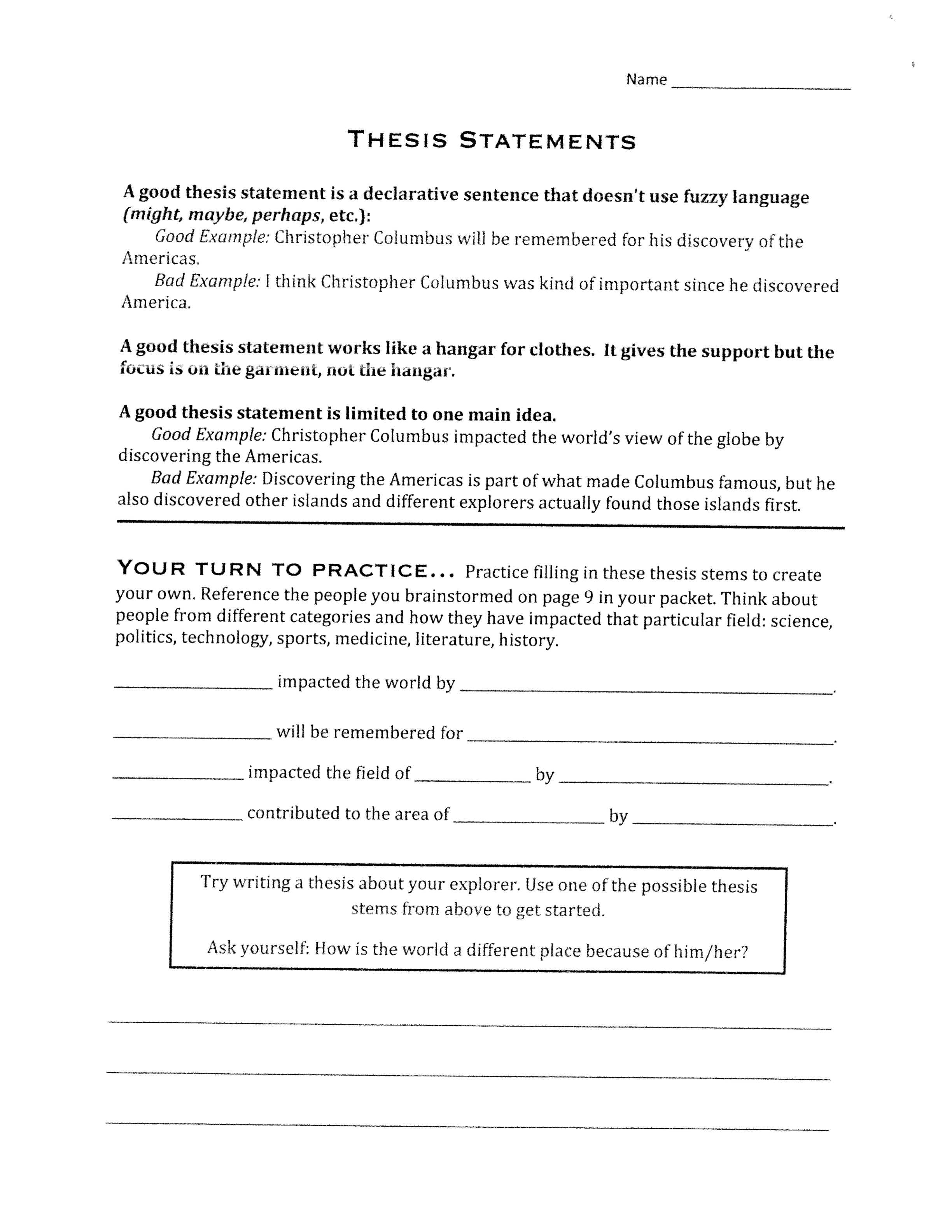
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**Preparing for Impact**  
(Taking Notes)

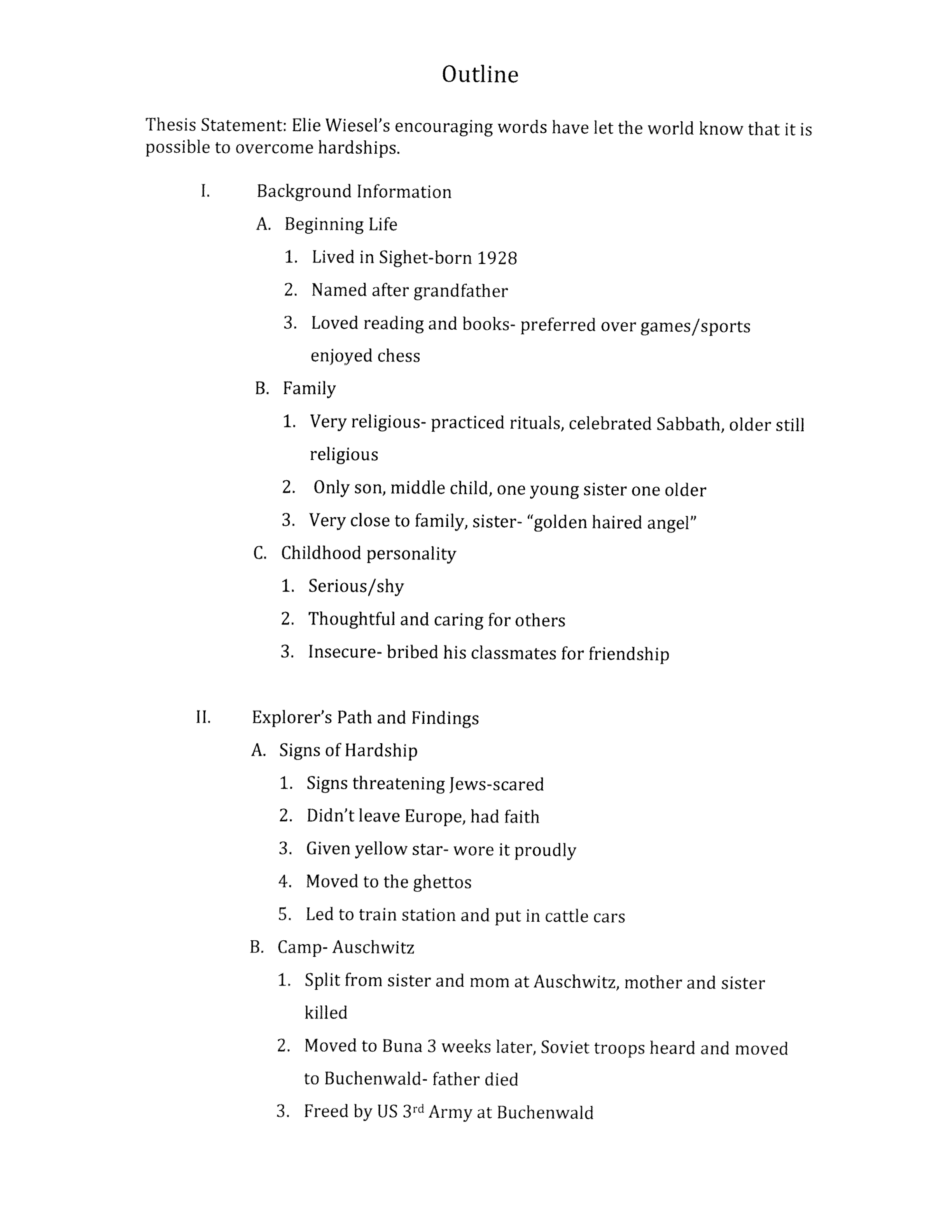
One of the biggest challenges when writing a research paper is trying to keep your facts and research organized. This note-taking format will help keep everything straight and will guarantee you know which source and page number you retrieved your information from. HINT: It can be a good idea to color-code your cards according to the focus of your paper: impact on society, relevance to quote, etc. With well-done note cards, you can simply write your paper from your cards!

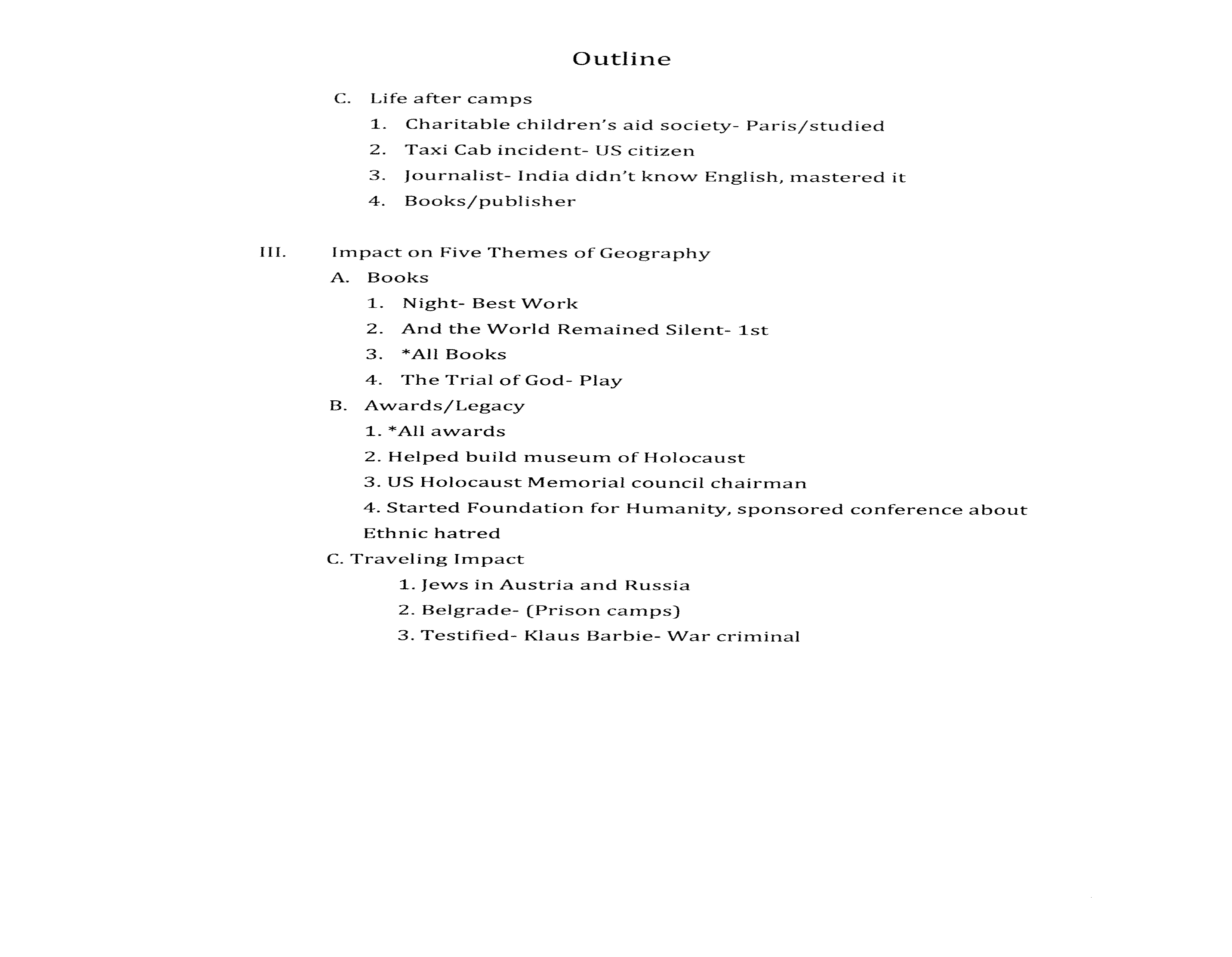
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| paraphrased idea. Be sure to use quotation marks if it is a direct |
| quote. |
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| **Pg. 87** Make sure to write down the page number from the book or |
| article where you found your fact, because you will need to |
| include it within your citations. |

Sample:

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| United Nations Step In Keller, p 90 |
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| A worldwide campaign of protest has already begun against the life |
| sentence imposed by South Africa’s Supreme Court on African Nationalist |
| leader Nelson R. Mandela and seven other foes of apartheid. As the debate |
| and votes in the United Nations this past year have shown, most of the |
| world regards the convicted men as heroes and freedom fighters. They are |
| considered the George Washingtons and Benjamin Franklins of South |
| Africa, not criminals deserving punishment. |
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| How will this information support your critical lens? |
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**How Will This Information Fit Into My Research?**  
Once you have taken your notes over your topic, create an outline for your research.  An outline would look something like this:



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Outline

**The Map of Impact** *(for your topic)*

Introductory statement (Hook): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Elaborate on hook, give context and begin to funnel your topic through your quotation:

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You may (should?) have more main points… so use additional paper as needed.

Conclusion: Restate your thesis in different terms (restate your lens quote here, too):

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