

Problem Solution Essay Outline

I. Introduction

1. Get the reader's attention by using a "hook". (e.g. Imagine... or ask a question)
2. State the problem. (thesis)
 - There is a (big, substantial, terrible, annoying) problem of _____ in (the world, our city, the United States, among teenagers, our schools) today.
 - Tell who is affected by (involved in) the problem.
 - Tell how those groups or people are affected.

II. 1st Solution

1. State your first solution
 - To begin with..... **OR** One solution to this problem is.....
2. Explain how your solution will work & how it relates to the problem – use the 3e's explain, expand, example

III. 2nd Solution

1. State your second solution
 - Another solution to the problem of _____ is.....
OR In addition
2. Explain how your solution will work & how it relates to the problem – use the 3e's explain, expand, example

IV. 3rd Solution

1. State your third solution
 - Finally,.... **OR** Lastly....
2. Explain how your solution will work & how it relates to the problem – use the 3e's explain, expand, example

V. Conclusion

1. Provides closure to your essay
 - As you can see there is a terrible problem of _____ in _____ today. **OR** It is clear....
2. End with a "zinger" that makes the reader think or smile (e.g. compelling statement, readers personal connection, question for the reader to think about)

Transitional Words and Phrases

Examples/Explanation: for instance, specifically, such as, to illustrate

Addition: furthermore, in addition, additionally, as well, moreover

Emphasis: most importantly, most important of all, indeed, in fact