

True Wealth Outline Assignments

What: The skeleton of well-reasoned essay. Your outline should include the following:

- A compelling thesis statement that puts forward an argument
- At least three reasons you believe your thesis is true. These reasons should take the form of topic sentences.
- At least one of these reasons should take the form of a concessive where you present an opposing viewpoint and argue against it.
- For each reason you should list at least one example or piece of evidence
- A sentence or two that explains why your thesis argument is important--why should I care?

How: You can submit these on a separate sheet of paper or fill in the worksheet on the back. Your answer shouldn't fill more than a page.

How many: There will be four outlines, each related to the following sections of the course: intro to economics, business, economic development, and economic policy

When: Each outline assignment will have its own deadline

Why: For you to consider the material, pick a personal interest to develop, and convince me you can develop an effective argument.

How will this be evaluated?

- An "A" outline, in addition to fulfilling the requirements of the assignment, has a provocative, complex, or nuanced thesis; reasons are particularly thoughtful and creative insights and analysis with strong examples and specific evidence.
- A "B" outline effectively fulfills the requirements of the assignment. Thesis is clear thesis that's complex enough to require explanation and support. There is a strong logical connection between the thesis, reasons, and the examples and evidence you provide.
- A "C" outline fulfills the basic requirements of the assignment. It has a clear thesis but the thesis requires further development that comes with deeper analysis. The reasons support the thesis and the examples and evidence support the reasons, though the connection might be tenuous.

Outlines just below the bar for a passing grade might fulfill aspects of the assignment but omit one of the bullet points above. The thesis can also be too simplistic to sustain serious analysis. An outline will also not pass if the reasons don't support the thesis or if the evidence and examples are flat out wrong. Outlines that are hard to read or understand will not pass.

Note: The difference between a "B" outline and an "A" outline will likely be the complexity of the thesis statement and strength of evidence. "A" papers usually surprise me and give me a new way to look at an issue.