

Outline sample:

Thesis statement: Current school schedules don't work and need to be changed to fit the times and needs of today's student population

- I. Introduction: thesis and 3 points (see thesis above)
 - A. School should start later
 - B. School weeks should be limited to 4 longer days.
 - C. School should last all year.
- II. School should start later
 - A. People learn better when they are rested.
 - B. Teens need at least 9.5 hours of sleep
 - C. Studies show that the sleep cycle of teens is later than that of adults
- III. School weeks should be limited to 4 longer days
 - A. The price of energy is rising so we can save money on heating/cooling costs
 - B. We can save money on transportation
 - C. Our busy schedules mean we have more than school to focus on, so we need more free time
- IV. School should last all year
 - A. We are no longer an agrarian society so we don't need to work the field in the summer.
 - B. We waste time reviewing in the fall to remember things we already knew.
 - C. Today's globally competitive environment is stressing the need for better-educated students and year-round schooling will allow for this.
- V. Conclusion

Sum up the thesis and main point.