

Outline Format for Final Presentation

Full Name on top

Group question typed first

Individual thesis should follow the group question

For your evidence and commentary--

You may simply number the 8 sources of evidence (no need to use traditional outline format)

Identify the source, author first (last name), then title

If you are using a quotation, put that after the source and before your commentary

Comment of 75 words at least should explain how the source supports your thesis.

Keep in mind that your evidence outline is making an overall argument; think of it as a paper without the introduction, transitions, and conclusion. Each comment should read like a distinct body paragraph that supports your thesis. The most effective and highest scoring outlines are those that clearly link each individual piece of evidence to your thesis. Your commentary should also explain how each source elaborates on your perspective (the thesis) and contributes something new to the argument. In other words, you want to go beyond just recording how this source is another example that proves your basic thesis. Beware of formulaic commentary that repeats the same ideas you have stated in your explanations of other sources. What new perspective on your thesis does this source provide?