

Essay Outline — Completed Example

Prompt: Should a school add a weekly outdoor reading period? · The outline records claims and support, not full paragraphs.

WORKING THESIS

The school should pilot a weekly outdoor reading period because a structured change of setting can support engagement, provided the plan includes weather and accessibility alternatives.

BODY POINT 1

Reason: a purposeful setting change may make sustained independent reading feel distinct from ordinary seatwork.
Support to add: reading-engagement observations or survey data.

BODY POINT 2

Condition: the plan needs an indoor backup for heat, rain, air quality, and mobility needs.
Support to add: schedule + accessibility requirements.

BODY POINT 3

Implementation: start with a short pilot and measure participation before expanding it.
Support to add: baseline and pilot comparison.

ORDER / CONNECTIONS

Start with the educational reason, then address the strongest practical constraint, then propose a limited pilot that tests whether the benefit appears under workable conditions. The order moves from “why” to “what could go wrong” to “how to test it.”

CONCLUSION PLAN

Return to the conditional thesis: the idea is worth testing, but the recommendation depends on an accessible backup plan and evidence from a pilot. Explain what the school should learn from the trial rather than simply repeating the opening sentence.