# Making Formal Outlines

## Outline for Model Research Paper

The Constitution: A Model of Collaborative Effort

1. Introduction
   1. Who wrote the Constitution?
   2. The Constitution was a collaborative effort, and that made it effective.
   3. Gouverneur Morris wrote the words, but he is not truly the author.
2. Plans for the New Government
   1. Hamilton called for the convention.
      1. Annapolis Convention of 1786
      2. Delegates discontented with Articles of Confederation
   2. Virginia Plan – Edmund Randolph
      1. Two-house Congress
         1. Lower house elected by people of each state
         2. Upper house elected by the lower house
      2. Congress elects president and federal judges
      3. Plan gave power to large states
   3. New Jersey Plan – William Paterson
      1. Each state has one vote in Congress.
      2. Plan gave power to small states
   4. Connecticut Compromise – Roger Sherman
      1. Lower house elected by people of each state
      2. Upper house elected by state legislatures
      3. Lower house gave power to large states, upper house to small
3. Difficult Issues
   1. Slavery
      1. Three-Fifths Compromise
      2. Slave trade not to be prohibited before 1808
   2. Election of president
      1. Two sides of issue
         1. Popular election
         2. Appointment by Congress
      2. Compromise: electoral college
   3. Bill of Rights – a popular idea left for later
      1. Hamilton opposed it.
      2. Madison moved it forward, got it adopted
   4. Powers of president left vague
4. Conclusion
   1. Not a perfect document (use quotation from Washington letter)
   2. Checks and balances
   3. Collaborative nature of the Constitution is its strength
   4. Wisdom of the founders

## General Outline

Title of Paper

I. Major Section of the Paper

A. Major idea

* + 1. Secondary idea or important detail
    2. Secondary idea or important detail

B. Major idea

1. Secondary idea or important detail

2. Secondary idea or important detail

* + - 1. Specific detail
      2. Specific detail
      3. Specific detail
      4. Specific detail

C. Major idea

1. Secondary idea or important detail

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3. Secondary idea or important detail

II. Major Section of the Paper

A. Major idea

B. Major Idea

1. Secondary idea or important detail

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III. Major Section of the Paper