**Outlining the Essay**

**Introduction**

The essay portion of the Banality of Evil project synthesizes several sources to create a connection on how the event you have chosen from “Atrocities: The 100 Deadliest Episodes in Human History” and Wiesel’s *Night* contribute to Arendt’s concept of “The Banality of Evil.”

This outline will help you organize your thoughts and the structure of your essay.

**Outline**

Your atrocity: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Introduction
   1. Hook
   2. Background (Define and describe the concept of “Banality of Evil” in your own terms)
   3. Thesis
2. Connection to *Night*
   1. Summarize the relevant elements of Night.
   2. Explanation of how *Night* fulfills Arendt’s concepts of “Banality of Evil.”
3. Connection to your atrocity
   1. Summarize the events of your atrocity.
   2. Explanation of how your atrocity fulfills Arendt’s concept of “Banality of Evil.”
4. Connection between your atrocity and *Night*
   1. Connect your atrocity’s events to similar events from *Night*.
   2. Explain how the similarities between *Night* and your atrocity contribute to Arendt’s concept of “Banality of Evil.”
5. Conclusion

**Sources & Citations**

You need a minimum of four sources for this essay:

* Arendt’s concept of “The Banality of Evil”
* Two reputable sources about your atrocity
* *Night,* by Elie Wiesel.
* Other sources that will assist your argument.

Be sure to think carefully about how you will incorporate the sources into each paragraph of your text. Well-developed paragraphs utilize *several* citations from a source to make a point.

To help you properly cite the sources, go to Purdue OWL and complete the citation processes in **MLA format**. You can also copy and paste the Works Cited entries from EBSCO into your final document on your Works Cited page.

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| **I. Introduction** | |
| Hook |  |
| Background |  |
| Thesis |  |
| **II. Connection to *Night*** | |
| **Summarize the relevant elements of *Night*** | |
| Main Idea |  |
| Evidence/ Quote |  |
| Link to Main Idea |  |
| Concluding Statement |  |
| **Explanation of how *Night* fulfills Arendt’s concepts of “Banality of Evil.”** | |
| Main Idea |  |
| Evidence/ Quote |  |

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| Link to Main Idea |  |
| Concluding Statement |  |
| **III. Connection to your atrocity** | |
| **Summarize the events of your atrocity** | |
| Main Idea |  |
| Evidence/ Quote |  |
| Link to Main Idea |  |
| Concluding Statement |  |
| **Explanation of how your atrocity fulfills Arendt’s concept of “Banality of Evil.”** | |
| Main Idea |  |
| Evidence/ Quote |  |
| Link to Main Idea |  |
| Concluding Statement |  |
| **IV. Connection between your atrocity and *Night*** | |
| **Connect your atrocity’s events to similar events from *Night*** | |
| Main Idea |  |
| Evidence/ Quote |  |
| Link to Main Idea |  |
| Concluding Statement |  |
| **Explain how your atrocity contributed to Arendt’s concept of “Banality of Evil.”** | |
| Main Idea |  |
| Evidence/ Explanation |  |
| Link to Main Idea |  |
| Concluding Statement |  |

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| **IV. Conclusion** | |
| Restatement of thesis |  |
| Loop back to Hook/Background |  |