

# HOW CAN I CHECK AN OUTLINE?

## Outline Peer response

Answer questions like the following to evaluate your peer's outline as well as your own outline.

### 1. Thesis:

Does the thesis make a statement that can be argued? Ask yourself, **can I disagree?** If you cannot disagree (if the thesis just states a fact or what is already obvious and known), advise the author about how to **add an opinion.** Is the thesis specific (focused?) and clear enough? Is the thesis **based on the reading?** Also, is there a clear "**so what?**" So what is important about this? So what is the significance?

### 2. Supporting Points:

Does the outline list the supporting points in a **clear and logical order?** How can the order be clearer or improved? Does each supporting point **directly prove the thesis?** Are there any **additional supporting points** that should be included?

### 3. Evidence:

Is there a clear example illustrating each of the supporting points? Is the author using examples **from the reading?** If not, suggest ideas the author could use to better prove his/her points. Could the author **improve or replace** any of the supporting points or textual examples? Has the author developed a clear **explanation** of why each supporting point is relevant?