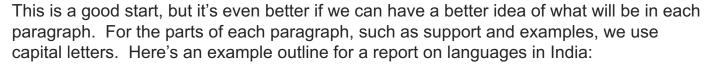
## Outline for a Paper on a Person You Know

You've done all your research and found a ton of information on your topic. Before you start writing your paper, take time to create an outline. This will help you organize your information and make the writing process smoother.

We use Roman numerals for an outline. Each Roman numeral stands for a paragraph:

- I. Introduction
- II. First subtopic
- III. Second subtopic
- IV. Third subtopic
- V. Conclusion



- I. Introduction
  - A. Brief anecdote about language in India
  - B. Topic sentence
- II. Major groups
  - A. Indo-European languages
  - B. Dravidian languages
  - C. Minority languages
- III. History and geography
  - A. Historical importance of the two major groupings
  - B. Geographical distribution of the two major groups (include map)
- IV. Politics
  - A. Official languages
  - B. Status of various language speakers
  - C. Impact of the imposition of English

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- V. Literature and the arts
  - A. Which languages are most represented in literature?
  - B. Which are most represented in mainstream media, especially Bollywood?
- VI. Conclusion
  - A. What is the future trajectory of these languages?

Your outline may be longer or shorter than this; that's fine. This is just an example. Notice I don't need full sentences here. I just need notes to tell myself what information to put in what place. Notice also I've indicated where my visual aid is going. (You may or may not be required to have a visual aid.)

In my introduction, I start with a story. Narrative writing is a great way to bring more interest to any nonfiction topic. In my conclusion, I look forward. This avoids coming to an abrupt halt, and hopefully I can leave the reader with one last thought.

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