

Outline for a God / Goddesses / Creature Research Paper

Introduction Paragraph

Who is this character? From what culture is the character? What is her/his/it's purpose/role? Be sure to include countries/areas/dates where this character was important/recognized.

Body Paragraph #1

How did this character come into existence? Were they created, born, etc? Who were the parents/creators?

Additional Body Paragraphs

What other characters is this character associated with? Be sure to explain who these characters are as well.

What are some important things that this character has done/been involved in? Was the character involved in any major events or stories that teach a lesson?

Second to Last Body Paragraph

Is this character still recognized today? Are there any cultures that view this character with the same importance as in the past?

Last Body Paragraph

Can this character be found in any of today's media? Is the character the star of movies, books, television, etc? Is the character's name used today? For example, are there any companies, products, etc. that use this character's name?

Conclusion

Briefly summarize your paper. One possible way of doing this is to devote a one sentence summary to each of the paragraphs in your paper. Leave the audience with a final thought to ponder concerning your topic. DO NOT announce that this is the end of your paper, thank the audience, state that you hoped they enjoyed your paper or write "The End" or point deductions will occur.

Outline for a Moral or Creation Tale Research Paper

Introduction Paragraph

Briefly state who is in the tale and what it explains / moral that it teaches.

First Body Paragraphs

Devote a paragraph to each of the major characters in the tale. Give a brief summary of each character.

Middle Body Paragraphs

Use these paragraphs to retell the tale **IN YOUR OWN WORDS**. Be sure to explain any parts of the tale that might confuse the reader, for example, a reference that not many readers would know or understand.

Last Body Paragraph

Explain how this moral applies to the world today. For example, if your tale taught the lesson of “Don’t judge a book by its cover,” give a situation in which this lesson can be applied. If it is a nature myth, then briefly explain if this tale has been updated or modernized or that the myth has now been explained away by science.

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