

## Common Mistakes on an Outline

1. Not enough Secondary sources. Minimum 3!!!!
2. Poor or Weak Secondary sources
  - Wikipedia etc. not acceptable
  - Sources that have nothing to do with the Primary source!!!
3. Weak explanation for the quotations- how do these support your thesis?
4. Weak Thesis!!!! What is the central point of the paper- What are you trying to prove???? You must have an opinion.  
The paper should not be a plot summary
5. Poor or unclear Method of Development.
6. Paragraphs were not outlined- Please follow instructions.
7. Next Steps
  - correct these items
  - Write a rough copy- MLA FORMAT
  - Have someone edit it for:

### Content

Thesis  
Primary source Quotations  
Secondary Source Quotations  
Explanations (How does this support  
your thesis?)  
Keep it simple!!!

### Grammar

MLA Format  
Pagination  
Present Tense  
Works Cited Page  
Times New Roman  
12 point font- double spaced