

Common Mistakes on the ISU Outline

1. Five (5) or Six (6) Paragraphs outlined!!!!!!
2. Not enough Secondary sources. Minimum 3!!!!
3. Poor or Weak Secondary sources
 - Wikipedia etc. not acceptable
 - Sources that have nothing to do with the Primary source!!!
4. Weak explanation for the quotations- how do these support your thesis?
5. 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
6. Poor or unclear Method of Development.
7. Paragraphs were not outlined- Please follow instructions.
8. 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