

## Outlining

Outlining is a hugely important skill for any student and indeed any reader, but most of all for any author, and that emphatically includes authors of term papers. The most useful outline type by far is the sentence outline, as this requires you to boil your entire argument down to its bare bones and demonstrate its logical structure. Above all, a sentence outline written ahead of the paper itself forces you to craft a complete and structured argument *prior* to the drafting stage!

To practise the art of outlining, we will write outlines for each of the five books of Boethius's *Consolation of Philosophy*. Each student will submit *two* books' outlines for feedback (no credit); each week, the instructor will select the best outline and upload it to StudIP for everyone's benefit. If no outline is found to be sufficient, the instructor will upload an outline of his own, to the great disgrace of all of that week's contenders. Use the *MLA Handbook* guidelines on sentence outlining (available on StudIP) and sign up for **two** submission slots below.

Please note: it is recommended that all students write up an outline for each of the five books and compare their own product against the week's winning outline, even though they are only asked to submit two. The outlines are due by email (any file format) by midnight ahead of the session in question.

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