

Outline (Sample)

1. INTRODUCTION (Thesis statement on William Shakespeare and brief introduction into subject.
2. BODY- Discuss Shakespeare's life, work, family, marriage, and later years
 1. Early years in Stratford upon Avon
 1. Shakespeare's family
 1. Shakespeare's father
 2. Shakespeare's mother
 3. Shakespeare's marriage
 1. Anne Hathaway- Her life and marriage to Shakespeare
 2. Reference to Hathaway in Shakespeare's poetry
 3. Shakespeare's work
 1. Plays
 1. Comedies
 1. Much Ado About Nothing
 2. Tragedies
 1. Romeo and Juliet
 3. Historical work
 1. King John
 2. Sonnets
 3. Other poetry
 2. Later Life
 1. Last work

2. Retirement in Stratford

1. Shakespeare's death

2. Shakespeare's burial

1. Epitaph

3. CONCLUSION

1. Summary and Analysis

1. Early years

2. Shakespeare's work

3. Shakespeare's later years

2. Thesis Restated

3. Concluding Statements