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Example of Topic Outline

Several aspects must be considered in writing a topic outline.

- Recall that all headings and subheadings must be words or phrases, not sentences.
- Also, the wording within each division must be parallel.
- Finally, as in any outline, remember that a division or subdivision cannot be divided into one part; therefore, if there is an "A" there must be a "B," and if there is a "1" there must be a "2."
- I. Family Problems
 - A. Custodial: Non-custodial Conflicts
 - B. Extended Family
 - C. Adolescent's Age
- II. Economic Problems
 - A. Child Support
 - B. Women's Job Training
 - C. Lower Standard of Living
 - D. Possible Relocation
 - 1. Poorer neighborhood
 - 2. New School
- III. Peer Problems
 - A. Loss of Friends
 - B. Relationships with Dates

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