

English III AP Argument Analysis Outline of *The American Crisis*

It is imperative that you have the Barnes and Noble edition of *The American Crisis* (ISBN #: 978-1-4351-2703-6) because the essays listed below are based on that version. You will need to read the following *Crisis* essays: Numbers I, II, III, IV, V, VIII, IX, XII, XIII, XV

You will produce an outline of the arguments put forth by Thomas Paine in *The American Crisis*. The format is very specific and is as follows.

1. Roman numerals are chapter numbers
 2. Capital letters will state Paine's thesis in that essay in **one sentence**.
 3. Every letter will be followed by **two** Arabic numerals that will list an example from the chapter that supports Paine's thesis and provide parenthetical documentation. Each Arabic numeral is to be **no more than one sentence**.
 4. As an example, I have done the first essay for you so you do not need to do that one again. As my outline illustrates, the examples can be integrated quotes or summaries of information.
 5. Outline is to be typed and formatted according to *MLA Handbook*, 8th Edition. Parenthetical documentation is to be formatted according to *MLA Handbook*, 8th Edition as well.
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- I. The Crisis Number I
 - A. Paine argues that in order to secure a country that the colonists would be proud to call their own, they must be willing to endure any and all hardships that come with the war for independence.
 1. "Let it be told to the future world, that in the depth of winter, when nothing but hope and virtue could survive, that the city and the country, alarmed at one common danger, came forth to meet and to repulse it" (Paine 6).
 2. Paine uses his personal experience with the troops at Fort Lee to describe the hardships faced by the soldiers, which they endured bravely (Paine 2-4).