Example of an **INFORMAL OUTLINE ESSAY**

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Theme: Loss of Culture and Community for the Lakota in Black Elk Speaks. (A theme example)

1. Introduction paragraph:
2. Background on the topic: Summarize BES and discuss the theme in the Lakota context. Lakota adaptation to new lifestyle, white colonization. Learning new ways, leaving old ways.

Possible Question:

1. How does Black Elk’s perspective paint Westward expansion as a negative force that robbed the Lakota people of their traditions and sense of community?
2. In BES, how does Wasichu (White) Westward expansion impact the natural resources. Cultural practices, Community, and traditional symbols of the Lakota?
3. Thesis-addresses the question: You answer! Last sentence of the introduction.

Keywords: Loss of culture and community + Lakota + Black Elk Speaks

In adapting to the white European culture, Lakota culture and community had to learn and in the process their culture basically diminished to near extinction! Language, Dance, Clothing,

An informal outline

1. Question
2. Thesis—
3. TS1-First reason that develops the thesis.

Supporting ideas

Supporting ideas

1. TS2- Second reason

Supporting ideas

1. TS3- Third reason

Supporting ideas

1. Conclusion