**Conspiracy Theory Outline**

**Directions:** Now that you have your research, you will be creating an outline. Your outline can be done many ways –the creativity is up to you. Most of the seniors in the past just completed bullet points. Must contain quotes and/or paraphrase cited correctly in the outline. I have attached a sample for you to look at that received a perfect score. Below is just some guided paragraphs to follow. If you want to add more, you can but you must meet the minimum. This assignment is worth 50 pts. and will be put in the writing category in the gradebook. It is 10 points per paragraph for a total of 50. You will lose points if you don’t properly cite the paraphrases and or quotes in your outline. You need to use everyone of your sources at least once and there should be no cited information in paragraph 5 where you give your opinion.

**Paragraph #1: Introduction**

* Introduce your event and explain the controversy around it.
* Provide background information about your theory.
* Solid Thesis Statement

**Paragraph #2 – Reason 1 – For (may have to be modified)**

* State reasons/research “for” the conspiracy theory
* Explain why people state this reason as “proof” of conspiracy
* Use research from annotated bibliography

**Paragraph #3 – For (may have to be modified)**

* State reasons/research “for” the conspiracy theory
* Explain why people state this reason as “proof” of conspiracy
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**Paragraph #4 – Against (may have to be modified)**

* State reasons/research against the conspiracy
* Explain why people state this reason as “proof” of conspiracy
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**Paragraph #5 – Against (may have to be modified)**

* State reasons/research against the conspiracy
* Explain why people state this reason as “proof” of conspiracy
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**Paragraph #6: Conclusion**

* Re-state the conspiracy theory
* Summarize research/theory/sides
* Leave the reader thinking

**Paragraph #7 – Reflection**

* You can use this paragraph to give your final opinion and thoughts on the conspiracy topic you chose.
* What do you think?
* Your opinion

**Sample Outline (Jon Benet Ramsey)**

**Paragraph 1**

● 6 year old JonBenet Ramsey was reported missing December 26, 1996

● A ransom note was found in the house claiming to have JonBenet

● The note requested for $118,000 and said they would kill JonBenet if any authorities

were contacted

● Parents called the police and reported her missing

● Parents invited all their friends and family over to help find JonBenet

● John (her father) went to the basement where he found JonBenets body

● “Only JonBenets room was cornered off, so friends and family roamed the rest of the

house, picking up things and potentially destroying evidence” (CrimeMuseum.org)

**Paragraph 2**

● Once detectives arrived they told Mr.Ramsey to go around the house looking for any

amiss

● First place that was looked at was the basement where JonBenets body was found

● John Ramsey immediately picked up her body and brought her upstairs to everyone

which could have destroyed any potential evidence on there

● “ January 4, 1997- reports reveal that JonBenets skull had been fractured” (cnn)

● First set of interviews take place in April of 1997

● Patsy and John remained under lots of suspicion

● Parents declined to participate in a second interview due to not being allowed to review

evidence first

**Paragraph 3**

● County coroner found that she was strangled to death

● There was dna found on her long johns belonging to a single man not in the Ramsey

family

● Ransom note was from pen and paper found in the house as well as a practice note

● Patsy did not pass the handwriting test and the note was very similar to hers

● 1999 JonBenets parents were almost indicted on the charges of child abuse

resulting in death however the district attorney did not sign the indictment

because there was not enough evidence to support the charges (documentary)

● There were no footprints outside the house and no sign of forced entry

● A paintbrush from Patsys hobby kit was used to tighten the rope around

JonBenets neck

**Paragraph 4**

● It is believed that Katy perry is really JonBenet

● Believed that JonBenets death was a hoax and she was actually kidnapped

instead, only to become superstar Katy Perry

● Evidence is largely based on facial similarities rather than cold hard facts(article)

● Burke Ramsey was slammed by viewers on the Dr.Phil show for his “alarming”

body language

● Burke stated that he wished to grow up like a normal kid with a huge grin on his

face

● He was very awkward and nervous during his interview and also always seemed

to have a nervous smile/laugh on his face

**Paragraph 5**

● A longtime suspect in the JonBenet Ramsey case was Gary Olivia who

“accidentally” confessed to killing the 6 year old in a series of emails to a former

high school classmate (Parry 1)

● He claimed “ I never loved anyone like i did JonBenet and yet I let her slip and

her head bashed in half and I watched her die. It was an accident. Please believe

me. She was not like the other kids. JonBenet completely changed me and

removed me from evil from me. Just one look at her beautiful face, her glowing

beautiful skin, and her devine god-body, i realized i was wrong to kill other kids.

Yet by accident she died and it was my fault”.

● Evidence shows that it’s not his dna that was found on JonBenets long johns and

it was soon proved that he wasn’t even in Colorado during the time of the attack.

He was arrested in Thailand due to unrelated child pornography charges

**Paragraph 6**

● Dna found on her was said to be from the manufactoring company

● Case is still open yet still hasnt been solved

● Been many suspects but no one has ever been arrested

● Case stays opened but there is no current investigations

● Still no new evidence has been found

● Many conspiracy theories have been made but no one knows the true story

● If Ramsey family did it, there would be no way to know because everyone but

Burke ramsey has passed away

● Many of the evidence was corrupted so it was hard to pinpoint a killer

**Paragraph 7**

● There has been no evidence to show that there was an intruder that came in

● no signs of forced entry or footprints outside in the snow

● pen and paper found in the house matching Patsys handwriting and asking for a

price the same amount as Johns bonus that year

● a paintbrush from Patsys art kit was found used to tie the rope around her neck

that killed her

● there is still not enough evidence to conclude that the ramseys are innocent or

guilty

● Brother has spoke out 22 years later and has sued major companies for making

a documentary about him which made him seem guilty. He sued for over $250

million for defamation of his name (NPR).

● I believe it was the family