**Sample Preliminary Outline**

**Your name and hour**

Topic: FDR and the New Deal

Thesis Statement and Introduction

[A good introduction broadly sketches the scope of the topic. It raises the questions that will be

examined throughout the paper. The thesis is the anchor and guiding force of the paper. Every

section is tied to supporting the ideas expressed in the thesis.]

I. Introduction

A. What was the New Deal?

B. How did it affect the United States? Answered by the thesis statement!

II. Background.

III. Political Impact

A. Legislation –

B. Expanded role of government Your outline will probably have fewer body paragraphs

IV. Economic Impact

A. Business and Industry

B. Agriculture

C. Workers and Unemployed

D. African Americans

V. Social Impact

A. Minorities

B. Families

VI. Overall Results of the New Deal

VII. Expanded Role of Government

VIII. Conclusion

A good conclusion summarizes all the major themes, while putting things in proper perspective for the

reader. Above all, it connects to the thesis statement.