Sample Outline

**Step One – Decide what your topic sentence will be, and rough out the main topics to be discussed.**

Topic: An analysis of the awesomeness of Mr. Mathis

Thesis Statement: Mr. Mathis is without doubt the most awesome teacher of New Mexico history in the world.

1. Introduction
2. Impeccable sense of style
3. Deep appreciation of the culinary needs of students
4. Ability to time travel
5. Conclusion

**Step Two – Expand your Main Topics**

1. Introduction
	1. Some parts of school are more awesome than others
	2. History teachers are uniformly awesome
	3. Thesis Statement: Mr. Mathis is without doubt the most awesome teacher of New Mexico history in the world.
2. Impeccable sense of style
	1. Ever-popular hipster fashion sense
	2. Voted Snazziest dresser in 2011 and 2012
	3. Finest hats in all the land
3. Deep appreciation of the culinary needs of students
	1. Students are hungry
	2. Donuts
	3. Pizza
4. Ability to time travel
	1. 9th Dimension
	2. Time travel makes one Knowledgeable
	3. Super-cool field trips
5. Conclusion
	1. Restatement of thesis

**Step Three – Expand your Sub-Topics**

1. Introduction
	1. Some parts of school are more awesome than others
		1. Art is fun, Science kills my brain cells. I hate math with a fiery passion.
	2. History teachers are uniformly awesome
		1. Mrs. Null is Awesome, Mr. Seyfried is Awesome. Mathis is Awesome – no Surprise.
		2. 8 out of 10 students love history (According to my survey)
	3. Thesis Statement: Mr. Mathis is without doubt the most awesome teacher of New Mexico history in the world.
2. Impeccable sense of style
	1. Ever-popular hipster fashion sense
		1. Flannel Shirts, t-shirts, and jeans…eternally fashionable.
	2. Voted Snazziest dresser in 2011 and 2012
		1. According to my Student Survey
	3. Finest hats in all the land
		1. Common Knowledge that the cool teachers wear hats.
		2. Stocking caps, fedoras, Australasian outback hats.
3. Deep appreciation of the culinary needs of students
	1. Students are hungry
		1. This is normal. Students are growing. They are supposed to be hungry.
		2. Hungry students don’t learn very well.
	2. Donuts
		1. Highest quality goods (Wal-Mart) - Review Games
	3. Pizza
		1. Pepperoni is brain food.
			1. Pepperoni and cheese is most common/popular pizza in the USA
		2. Pizza is not free! Mathis pays out of his own pocket.
4. Ability to time travel
	1. 9th Dimension
		1. Personal interview with Mathis
			1. 39 dimensions
			2. Came here in the year 1529
			3. 9th dimension people--- time travels
	2. Time travel makes one Knowledgeable
		1. Books are important, but seeing is believing!
		2. Pictures of famous events (Washington, riding dinosaurs, video of first people who came to the New World)
		3. Thomas Jefferson, Guest Speaker
	3. Super-cool field trips
		1. Boston Tea Party (1775)
		2. 1969 Moon Landing
5. Conclusion
	1. Could your teacher do this? Bet not.
	2. Restatement of thesis

Rough Draft

Mathis: Awesome or Awful?

 Some parts of school can be awesome while others….maybe not so much. For instance, Art is very cool, buy science kills my brain cells. I hate Math with a fiery passion…but I love History! History teachers are almost always awsome. Mr. Meira, who teaches at ATC, is an awesome teacher of American history. Mr. Seyfried, who

also teaches at ATC, is an awsome teacher of World History. So it’s not real surprise that Mr. Mathis, who teaches New Mexico History, is a awesome teacher. In fact, Mr. Mathis is without a doubt the most awesome teacher of New Mexico History in the world!

The first thing that makes Mr. Mathis awesome is his impeccable sense of style. His ever-popular hipster fashion…flannel shirts, t-shirts, and jeans, is eternally fashionable. According to a recent survey given to a sample of students at ATC, Mr. Mathis was the snazziest dressed teacher at ATC in both 2012 AND 2012. And let’s not forget his hats! Why, Mr. Mathis has the finest hats ni all the land. Its common knowledge (or at least my opinion) that all the really cool teachers wear hates. Whether it’s a stoking cap, a fedora, or an Australian outback hat, Mr. Mathis rocks them all!

 The next thing that makes Mr. Mathis awesome is his deep appreciation of the culinary needs of his students. It is just the truth that high school student’s are usually hungry. Kids are constantly growing, and being hungary is normal. Mr. Mathis knows that hungry students don’t learn very well, so he provides them with the finest donuts that Walmart has to offer. He evan, on rare occasions, brings them pepperoni pizzas paid for out of his own pocket!

 Maybe the coolest thing about Mr. Mathis, however, is his ability to travel through time. According to Mathis there are 39 different dimension in the Cosmos. Mr. Mathis came to this planet in the year 1529 as a visitor from the 9th dimension, where everyone can time travel. It’s kind of obvious that traveling through time makes one more knowlegeable about history. Whether it’s a picture of George Washington at or a video of the first people crossing beringia into the New World, when it comes to history seeing is believing! And what better way to see history than to actually be there! Mr. Mathis has taken his class to see both the Boston tea party AND the Moon landing of 1969…TWICE!

Some teachers are snazzy dressers, and some teachers are pretty generous when it comes to donuts. Why, there may even be another teacher out there that can time travel. I have been a student at ATC for 3 years. But only one teacher can all three, and that’s Mathis. And that’s why Mathis is without a doubt the most awesome teacher of New Mexico History in the World.