Mini-lesson: Outlines and Thesis Statements
What Is An Outline?

- A way to organize all your information about a topic
- You can take the notes from your notecard to help create your outline
- A basic outline will look like...
- You will need to create an outline for your research paper to organize your ideas
Thesis Statements

-A thesis statement is one sentence that tells your readers what your paper is about

-NEVER say “I am going to be writing about…”
  “I am going to tell you about…”
  “In this paper I will tell you…”

-Thesis statements just go right into your topic.
How to create a Thesis Statement

- Piktochart on creating a thesis
Give a general statement about presidents

Most presidents that were elected into office had many years of politics under their belt by the time they reached the White House as president where they led the country with success.

Create a transition sentence to connect your general statement to your president

Only one president that was elected into office, however, had little to no experience at all with politics before being elected as our nation’s leader.

Create a thesis about your president:

President __________ was elected into office in ________ with no political background but was still able to roll out a new healthcare plan, create a treaty with another nation, and create more than 700 jobs for Americans.
BE CAREFUL!

- This is a research paper, so although you have researched about their life, their presidency, and their time after being president, now is when you want to dig deeper and think of three important things about your president.

- For Example: Maybe as you were reading, you read about 3 different scandals that your president was involved in. You may want that to be the sole focus of your paper.

- Or… maybe your president repealed many different laws as president. You may choose to focus your entire paper on three or four different laws that your president overturned.