



CUSTODY OUTLINE

NAME: _____

DATE: _____

Please provide us with an essay which addresses the following issues as they pertain to you, the other parent, and your child(ren). Your custody homework should be typed. Please be sure to keep a copy for yourself.

PART 1: HISTORY

1. WHAT CAUSED THE BREAK UP OF THE RELATIONSHIP?
2. GIVE EXAMPLE OF A "DAY IN THE LIFE" OF YOUR FAMILY:
 - a. Who gets the child(ren) up in the morning, feeds them breakfast, gets them ready for the day?
 - b. Where is/are the child(ren) during the day? School, Daycare, Babysitter?
 - c. Who picks up the child(ren)?
 - d. Activities in the evening with the child(ren)? Homework, reading, playing?
 - e. Who feeds, bathes, and tucks the child(ren) in at night?
 - f. If there has been a substantial change in the care of the children in the past few months, please advise.
3. CURRENT VISITATION SCHEDULE? Please provide details regarding the visitation schedule including the following:
 - a. How often?
 - b. Visitation start time/day and end time/day
 - c. Holidays and vacations?
 - d. Who provides transportation?
 - e. Location of visits, if known?
 - f. Any problems with visitation? Denial of telephone contact, etc?
4. PRIOR MARRIAGES?
 - a. Length, when divorced finalized?
 - b. Any children? Custody arrangement/orders?
5. ANY EXTENDED FAMILY CONTACT?
 - a. Grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins?
 - b. With whom and how often is the contact?
6. LIVING ENVIRONMENT OF BOTH YOU AND THE OTHER PARENT, IF ONE HAS MOVED OUT OF THE FAMILY RESIDENCE
 - a. Stability? Do you and/or the other parent provide a stable home environment?
 - b. Any problems with you or the other parent's home environment which would make it unsafe or unacceptable for the children to stay there?
7. EDUCATION HISTORY OF BOTH YOU AND THE OTHER PARENT
8. EMPLOYMENT HISTORY OF BOTH YOU AND THE OTHER PARENT
 - a. Job title and company
 - b. Length at each job

- c. Salary
 - d. Work hours, including average travel per month away from home
 - e. Financial stability?
9. TREATMENT FOR ANY MEDICAL PROBLEMS OR PSYCHOLOGICAL PROBLEMS BY EITHER PARTY OR CHILD(REN)? If so, include the following information:
- a. Describe the medical condition - provide copy of any medical reports.
 - b. Provide names, addresses and telephone numbers of treating doctors.
 - c. Still treating for this condition?
 - d. Any prescription drugs?
10. ANY ABUSE? PHYSICAL, VERBAL, OR EMOTIONAL? Give specific examples including dates, and when was the last incident.
11. ALCOHOL USE BY ANY PARTY? Please advise no matter how minimal.
- a. How often each day, month or year?
 - b. Approximately how many drinks each time?
 - c. What types of drinks?
 - d. When was the last time?
12. ILLEGAL DRUG USE BY ANY PARTY? Please advise no matter how minimal
- a. How often each day, month or year?
 - b. Approximately how much each time?
 - c. What types of drugs?
 - d. When was the last time?
13. HOW IS/ARE THE CHILD(REN) DEVELOPING?
- a. Academic progress? How involved are you and/or the other parent in the child(ren)'s academic progress? Provide copy of report cards or progress reports, etc.
 - b. Physical development, if applicable?
 - c. Extracurricular activities that the child(ren) is/are involved in? How involved are you and/or the other parent?
 - d. Social development? Etiquette? Do you or the other parent teach the child(ren) manners?
 - e. Bonding? Is/are the children bonded to your and/or the other parent? What do you and/or the other parent do to develop a bond with the child(ren)?
 - f. Role Models? Are you and the other parent good or bad role models for the children? Explain.
14. NUTRITION
- a. Do you and/or the other parent make sure the child(ren) is/are eating properly?
15. HYGIENE
- a. Do you and/or the other parent making sure the child(ren) is/are properly clothed, bathe regularly, etc.?
16. ANY BEHAVIORAL PROBLEMS?
- a. How long has this been going on?
17. DISCIPLINE
- a. What is your and/or the other parent's view on discipline?

PART 2: PARENTING PLAN

Provide a detailed description of what you propose as a custody and visitation schedule.