Sample Full-Sentence Outline for Presentations
(Includes in-text/parenthetical and oral citing examples—shown in **bold**.)

Sample Topic: Maine Coon Cat

I. The Maine Coon Cat has some interesting stories about its origin ("FAQs" n.pag.).
  [Note: If you put the in-text citation at this level it means all of the information in the sub-points that follow are found in this source.]

   A. **According to the FAQs page on the Maine Coon Cat Breeders website**, “A wide-spread (though biologically impossible) belief is that it originated from matings between semi-wild, domestic cats and raccoons. This myth, bolstered by the bushy tail and the most common coloring (a raccoon-like brown tabby) led to the adoption of the name "Maine Coon" (par 4).”
   [Note: If you introduce the source at the beginning of the sentence you only need the page or paragraph number in the in-text citation at the end.]

   B. Another myth tells of “Marie Antoinette’s long-haired Angora cats sailing from France during the French Revolution and mating with feral felines in New England to produce the Maine Coon cat” ("FAQs" par 10).
   [Note: If you do not introduce the source at the beginning of the sentence then you need the full in-text citation at the end.]

   C. Current theory: proposes the following origins of the Maine Coon.
   [Note: there is not an in-text citation provided here because it is associated with I. In the outline above.]
   1. Longhair cats were introduced to the New World by ships from England.
   2. Norwegian Forest cats were brought to the New World by Vikings.

   D. The Maine Coon cat is the oldest natural breed in North America.

   E. The Maine Coon is generally regarded as a native of the state of Maine and is the official Maine State Cat.

II. The Maine Coon cat physical characteristics are the genetic result of the extremely harsh living conditions in New England (Himsel Daly 10-17).
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   A. **According to the book, “Maine Coon Cats: A complete Pet Owner’s Manual” authored by Carol Himsel Daly, D.V.M.**, “There is something very

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special about this breed. They're very practical. Maine Coon cats are fur-bearing packages of New England spirit. They are as sensible as a good warm coat and boots. In fact, it is my opinion that if L.L. Bean sold cats, they'd sell Maine Coon cats“ (10).

[Note: If you introduce the source at the beginning of the sentence you only need the page number in the in-text citation at the end.]

B. The Maine Coon cat is known for its size because it is taller and longer than most cats.

[Note: there is not an in-text citation provided here because it is associated with II. In the outline above.]

C. The adult, neutered Maine Coon cat can weigh up to 20-25#.
   1. Females average 9-16 pounds at maturity.
   2. Males average 12-18 pounds at maturity.

D. The Maine Coon cat has a long, shaggy coat that lays close to the body.

E. The Maine Coon cat has a bushy tail which is a snug scarf when curled up.

F. The Maine Coon cat has tufted paw pads that act as snow shoes.

G. The Maine Coon cat has large ears with furry tufts and “lynx tips” on top.

H. The Maine Coon cat has a relatively long, square muzzle.

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Works Cited

