

Research Paper Outline

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Directions: Use this template to create your outline. (Open this document, **SAVE** it as **Research Outline** on your **GOOGLE drive**; then **type your own research information** into it; **delete reminders**, such as “add background information”). The parentheses are reminders to add **your in-text citations**. Sometimes, your information will be common knowledge and not be from a source, so you won’t need a parenthetical citation. **Feel free to add more points** (C, D, etc) and (iii, iv, etc). You may also need to omit portions of the outline. Write out your full thesis and topic sentences; other support can be abbreviated. The more detail you add to your outline, the better your paper. **Type in direct quotations or paraphrases where they will occur in the paper and (CITE).** **DELETE these directions when you complete your outline in BEARWORKS.**

COPY and PASTE THIS OUTLINE into BEARWORKS where you are typing your research paper.

I. Introduction

A. Hook/ Attention Grabber FOLLOW the models I gave you to make sure your TIME, PLACE, SLANT are clear in the intro. Provide POINT OF CONTACT for your slant in the INTRODUCTION – Yes, you can use first person “I” ().

B. What is the controversy or issue? Add info. here ().

i. Add info. here ().

ii. Add info. here ().

C: (Thesis Statement/ Complete Sentence): Consider including the other side in the thesis like we've practiced.

II. First topic sentence to support your position

A. Support for topic sentence ().

i. Elaboration for above Support “A” ().

ii. More elaboration/Analysis for Support “A” ().

B. Support for topic sentence ().

i. Elaboration/Analysis for Support “B” ().

ii. More elaboration/Analysis for Support “B” ().

III. Second topic sentence to support your position

A. Support for topic sentence ().

i. Elaboration for above Support “A” ().

ii. More elaboration/Analysis for Support “A” ().

B. Support for topic sentence ().

i. Elaboration/Analysis for Support “B” ().

ii. Elaboration/Analysis for Support “B” ().

IV. Third topic sentence to support your position

A. Support for topic sentence ().

i. Elaboration for above Support “A” ().

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- ii. More elaboration/Analysis for Support “A” ().
 - B. Support for topic sentence ().
 - i. Elaboration/Analysis for Support “B” ().
 - ii. Elaboration/Analysis for Support “B” ().
- v. **Fourth topic sentence to support your position**
 - A. Support for topic sentence ().
 - i. Elaboration for above Support “A” ().
 - ii. More elaboration/Analysis for Support “A” ().
 - B. Support for topic sentence ().
 - i. Elaboration/Analysis for Support “B” ().
 - ii. Elaboration/Analysis for Support “B” ().
- vi. **Fifth topic sentence to support your position**
 - A. Support for topic sentence ().
 - i. Elaboration for above Support “A” ().
 - ii. More elaboration/analysis for Support “A” ().
 - B. Support for topic sentence ().
 - i. Elaboration/Analysis for Support “B” ().
 - ii. Elaboration/Analysis for Support “B” ().
- vii. **Sixth topic sentence to support your position**
 - A. Support for topic sentence ().
 - i. Elaboration for above Support “A” ().
 - ii. More elaboration/analysis for Support “A” ().
 - B. Support for topic sentence ().
 - i. Elaboration/Analysis for Support “B” ().
 - ii. Elaboration/Analysis for Support “B” ().
- viii. **Conclusion**
 - A. Restate your thesis statement and focus – one sentence – with thesis summarized here (do not just copy and paste your original thesis).
 - B. Summarize the ONE main point of your paper; *therefore, finally, it is clear that ...* in just one sentence – the conclusion **should not** just be a summary of your paper
 - C. Include a call to action to persuade **the audience** to adopt the viewpoint if possible. (This means you provide some ways for your problem to be solved. You may not even need sources for this.) *AUDIENCE should consider X ...*
 - D. End with a powerful or thought-provoking idea or final big idea or specific action suggestion.