

# 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.**

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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.