

Research Paper Outline

1. Introduction:

- **General Topic Sentence** (Attention Grabber – interesting fact, shocking statistic, quotation, anecdote, analogy or comparison, etc.)

- **Context** (What are you talking about? What is the issue you are discussing?)

- **Thesis** (Identify the topic you are writing about and the perspective on the topic that the evidence in your paper supports – Your position on the topic)

- **Reasoning** - Outline your **3 main ideas** that will support your thesis

2. Body Paragraph 1:

- **Topic Sentence** (Identifies the main idea of the paragraph. It should be a clear statement that does not contain any opinion)

- **First Example** (Support your main idea and topic sentence with this piece of supporting evidence. It should be a researched fact or example. Be sure to explain the research and state where it is from.)

- **Explanation** (Elaborate on the example and explain the significance.)

- **Second Example** (Support your main idea and topic sentence with this piece of supporting evidence. It should be a researched fact or example. Be sure to explain the research and state where it is from.)

- **Explanation** (Elaborate on the example and explain the significance.)

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- **Third Example** (Support your main idea and topic sentence with this piece of supporting evidence. It should be a researched fact or example. Be sure to explain the research and state where it is from.)
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- **Explanation** (Elaborate on the example and explain the significance.)
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- **Concluding Sentence** (Summary sentence of the importance or relevance of the main idea for your paragraph. It should link back to the thesis.)
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3. Body Paragraph 2:

- **Topic Sentence** (Identifies the main idea of the paragraph. It should be a clear statement that does not contain any opinion.)
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- **First Example** (Support your main idea and topic sentence with this piece of supporting evidence. It should be a researched fact or example. Be sure to explain the research and state where it is from.)
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- **Explanation** (Elaborate on the example and explain the significance.)
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- **Second Example** (Support your main idea and topic sentence with this piece of supporting evidence. It should be a researched fact or example. Be sure to explain the research and state where it is from.)
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- **Explanation** (Elaborate on the example and explain the significance.)
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- **Third Example** (Support your main idea and topic sentence with this piece of supporting evidence. It should be a researched fact or example. Be sure to explain the research and state where it is from.)

- **Explanation** (Elaborate on the example and explain the significance.)

- **Concluding Sentence** (Summary sentence of the importance or relevance of the main idea for your paragraph. It should link back to the thesis.)

4. Body Paragraph 3:

- **Topic Sentence** (Identifies the main idea of the paragraph. It should be a clear statement that does not contain any opinion)

- **First Example** (Support your main idea and topic sentence with this piece of supporting evidence. It should be a researched fact or example. Be sure to explain the research and state where it is from.)

- **Explanation** (Elaborate on the example and explain the significance.)

- **Second Example** (Support your main idea and topic sentence with this piece of supporting evidence. It should be a researched fact or example. Be sure to explain the research and state where it is from.)

- **Explanation** (Elaborate on the example and explain the significance.)

- **Third Example** (Support your main idea and topic sentence with this piece of supporting evidence. It should be a researched fact or example. Be sure to explain the research and state where it is from.)

- **Explanation** (Elaborate on the example and explain the significance.)

- **Concluding Sentence** (Summary sentence of the importance or relevance of the main idea for your paragraph. It should link back to the thesis.)

5. Conclusion:

- **Restate the thesis and main ideas** (Restate the thesis in a different way, then review and summarize the main ideas presented in your paper.)

- **Statement of significance** (Without introducing any new information, explain why this topic is significant, important, and/or relevant.)
