

RESEARCH PAPER OUTLINE

I. INTRODUCTION

- a. Start with an attention-grabber (quote, statistics, story).
- b. Provide some background information on your topic.
- c. Write down your thesis statement (purpose of the research).

II. BODY SECTIONS

1. First section: the description of the issue
 - a. Start with a topic sentence that names a certain issue.
 - b. Provide additional details on this issue.
 - c. Add your own commentary on the issue.
2. Second section: the history of the topic
 - a. Start with providing details on when this issue began to draw an attention.
 - b. Provide more concrete information on major turning points for the issue.
 - c. Add your own commentary on the turning points.
3. Third section: the significance of the change
 - a. Start with answering the question why this issue needs to be addressed?"
 - b. Describe the outcomes if issue won't be addressed.
 - c. Provide your own commentaries on the significance.
4. Fourth section: the action plan for the change
 - a. Start with providing your ideas on what and how to change when it comes to the issue.
 - b. Describe in details your ideas the for changes.
 - C. Provide your own commentaries on the changes.

III. CONCLUSION

- a. Restate your thesis statement.
- b. Summarize the main points of your research paper.
- c. Describe the future of the issue with your changes.