

Outline for Writing a Research Paper

- I. Introduction- begin with Thesis Statement: In one clear sentence state the focus of your paper.
 - A. Key points (have at least three, but no more than five)
 - 1. state each main point that you'll be making in the paper
 - 2. main point
 - 3. main point
 - 4. main point
 - 5. main point
- II. Body of paper- outline the topic sentence and supporting research for each point you'll be covering in the paper, beginning with point #1 stated in the introduction.
 - A. Point 1- topic sentence idea
 - 1. research concept
 - a. supporting idea(s)
 - b. connect to next concept
 - 2. research concept
 - a. supporting idea(s)
 - b. connect to next concept
 - 3. research concept