

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
 - a. supporting idea(s)
 - b. connect to next topic idea
 - B. Point 2- topic sentence idea
 1. research concept
 - a. supporting idea(s)
 - b. connect to next concept
 2. research concept CONTINUE FORMAT
 3. " "
 - C. Point 3- topic sentence idea and CONTINUE FORMAT
 - D. Point 4- topic sentence idea and CONTINUE FORMAT
 - E. Point 5- topic sentence idea and CONTINUE FORMAT