

# My Research Paper Outline

## 1. Topic Question

*(Write down your main research question or topic here.)*

Example: *How has social media influenced teen mental health?*

## 2. Ideas

*(List all relevant keywords, including synonyms, to assist with your database searches. Be sure to enclose phrases in quotation marks.)*

### **Examples:**

- The impact of social media on self-esteem
- How online interactions affect social skills
- Differences in mental health outcomes across platforms (Instagram vs. Twitter vs. TikTok)
- Studies on anxiety, depression, and social comparison among teens on social media
- Positive and negative effects of social media use

### 3. Keywords

*(List all possible keywords, including synonyms, to help with your database searches.)*

<b>Keywords combo 1</b> <i>Ex: "social media" AND "mental health"</i>	<b>Keywords combo 2</b> <i>Ex: "teenagers" OR "adolescents" AND "self-esteem"</i>	<b>Keywords combo 3</b> <i>Ex: "social comparison" AND "depression"</i>

### 4. Sources

*(Add links or citations to your sources as you gather them. This could be academic articles, books, websites, etc.)*

- Source 1: [insert link to article or book here]
- Source 2: [insert link to article or book here]
- Source 3: [insert link to article or book here]
- Source 4: [insert link to article or book here]

### 5. Notes/Quotes

*(Write down important notes or quotes from your sources that you'll want to include in your paper.)*

#### Example:

- "Social media has become a platform for self-expression, but also a breeding ground for comparison and unrealistic standards." — Author Name, Year
- "Studies show that teens who spend more than 3 hours a day on social media are more likely to report feelings of anxiety and depression." — Source Name, Year

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## 6. Outline

*(As you gather your ideas, start to organize them into a structure for your paper. This outline will help guide your writing process.)*

### 1. Introduction

- Hook (an interesting fact, question, or quote)
- Background information on *social media* and *teen mental health*
- Thesis statement (your argument or main point)

### 2. Body Paragraph 1

- Topic sentence
- Evidence and examples
- Analysis or explanation

### 3. **Body Paragraph 2**

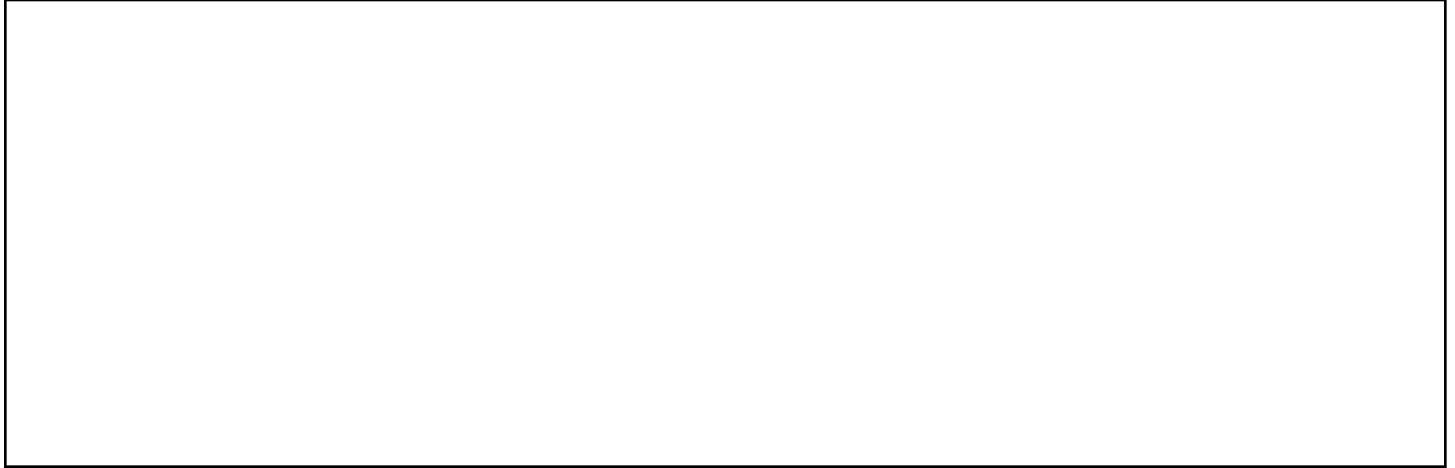
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### 4. **Body Paragraph 3**

- Topic sentence
- Evidence and examples
- Analysis or explanation

## 5. Conclusion

- Summarize the key points
- Restate the thesis in light of the evidence presented
- Final thoughts or call to action



## 7. Draft and Revise

*(Once you have your outline, begin drafting your paper. Don't forget to revise for clarity, coherence, and accuracy before submitting.)*