

RESEARCH PAPER PLAN

RESEARCH PAPER: THESIS STATEMENT, OUTLINE, AND INTRODUCTION

This is a sample sheet to use as a template when composing your essay. This plan is optional. If you prefer to write freely from your initial short outline, please do so.

Date: _____

Topic: _____

Title: _____

Thesis Statement: _____

OUTLINE

1. **Introductory Paragraph: This will include the following:**
 - a. **Opening sentence or hook (catch the reader's attention using literary devices such as metaphor, vivid description, surprising fact, controversial opinion, or fascinating anecdote)**
 - b. **Focusing sentences (give more details about the main topic of your essay)**
 - c. **Opposing opinions & details (optional)**
 - d. **Thesis statement (include topic, stance, and reasons for stance. If you include three reasons, you can follow them in order in the body of your essay)**

Please write at least three body paragraphs. After the minimum you can write as many body paragraphs as you wish.

II. Body Paragraph One: Topic Sentence: Each paragraph will have a specific focus. Please make clear paragraph breaks by indenting the first line or adding a space between paragraphs.

Supporting Detail: Here you can include evidence from your research sources, including at least one of our in-class readings, and two sources that you found yourself. Please use [correct MLA format citations](#) when citing directly.

Analysis: Interpret your evidence in relation to your thesis or main focus by paraphrasing in your own words and explaining why it matters.

Concluding sentence: Wrap up your thoughts for this paragraph. This sentence can help you transition into the next focused thought.

III. Body Paragraph Two: Topic Sentence: Each paragraph will have a specific focus. Please make clear paragraph breaks by indenting the first line or adding a space between paragraphs.

Supporting Detail: Here you can include evidence from your research sources, including at least one of our in-class readings, and two sources that you found yourself. Please use correct MLA format citations when citing directly.

Analysis: Interpret your evidence in relation to your thesis or main focus by paraphrasing in your own words and explaining why it matters.

Concluding sentence: Wrap up your thoughts for this paragraph. This sentence can help you transition into the next focused thought.

IV. Body Paragraph Three: Topic Sentence: Each paragraph will have a specific focus. Please make clear paragraph breaks by indenting the first line or adding a space between paragraphs.

Supporting Detail: Here you can include evidence from your research sources, including at least one of our in-class readings, and two sources that you found yourself. Please use correct MLA format citations when citing directly.

Analysis: Interpret your evidence in relation to your thesis or main focus by paraphrasing in your own words and explaining why it matters.

Concluding sentence: Wrap up your thoughts for this paragraph. This sentence can help you transition into the next focused thought.

V. Body Paragraph Four: Topic Sentence: Each paragraph will have a specific focus. Please make clear paragraph breaks by indenting the first line or adding a space between paragraphs.

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Analysis: Interpret your evidence in relation to your thesis or main focus by paraphrasing in your own words and explaining why it matters.

Concluding sentence: Wrap up your thoughts for this paragraph. This sentence can help you transition into the next focused thought.

VI. Body Paragraph Five: Topic Sentence: Each paragraph will have a specific focus. Please make clear paragraph breaks by indenting the first line or adding a space between paragraphs.

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Analysis: Interpret your evidence in relation to your thesis or main focus by paraphrasing in your own words and explaining why it matters.

Concluding sentence: Wrap up your thoughts for this paragraph. This sentence can help you transition into the next focused thought.

Supporting Detail: _____

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(Continue with as many body paragraphs as you wish)

X. Conclusion (Restate Thesis-not exactly the same. You should have learned something during the process of writing the essay):

Come to a conclusion or suggest future steps: Give the reader a takeaway. For example: how could this research be continued?; have you added any nuance to thoughts about this topic?; can the reader apply your thoughts on this topic to their own work or practices?

Works Cited

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