

## **Informative Research Paper Outline**

This template is for a research paper with three main points. This template may be adjusted to fit your needs. If you need to add extra details, add them.

- Your final outline must be typed, double-spaced in Times New Roman 12-point font.
- You must include the sources that you are using in parentheses. (We will revisit proper formatting at a later date.)

Please include the following:

- 1) Working title – This may change by the time you complete your paper.
- 2) Thesis statement – this sentence should be a statement—not a question—of what you intend to prove in your paper. The thesis statement includes a mention of the main points to come. You may need to revise the thesis statement several times during the course of writing the paper.
- 3) The three (or more) major points you plan to make in your research paper. Each of these major points should support the thesis statement.
- 4) Topic sentences – one for each of your three major points
- 5) Two details, pieces of information, or evidence from your notes with the sources listed (in parentheses) for each of your major points
- 6) Concluding sentence and lead-in for the next paragraph – one for each paragraph. These sentences should remind you how you should consistently be communicating to your readers why you are telling them what you are telling them. (The LINK!)
- 7) Conclusion for your research paper – The conclusion should sum up the reasons you have given that support your thesis. You should add insight by giving some thoughts on the implications of what you have just written or proven.

**Research Paper Template – Due on Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>**

Title of your research paper \_\_\_\_\_

Thesis statement: \_\_\_\_\_

Introduction – This should contain a “hook,” general quote, or interesting fact. You will then add two-three broad, general statements, and your thesis statement.

Hook: \_\_\_\_\_

Thesis: \_\_\_\_\_

I. Topic sentence for main point #1 (P) \_\_\_\_\_

A. Subtopic from main point #1 (P) \_\_\_\_\_

1. Detail or example (with source) (E) \_\_\_\_\_

2. Detail or example (with source) (E) \_\_\_\_\_

3. Detail or example (with source) – if needed (E) \_\_\_\_\_

B. Subtopic from main point #1 (P) \_\_\_\_\_

1. Detail or example (with source) (E) \_\_\_\_\_

2. Detail or example (with source) (E) \_\_\_\_\_

3. Detail or example (with source) – if needed (E) \_\_\_\_\_

Concluding sentence and lead-in about how the details or examples for main point #2 support the thesis (L)

II. Topic sentence for main point #2 (P) \_\_\_\_\_

A. Subtopic from main point #2 (P) \_\_\_\_\_

1. Detail or example (with source) (E) \_\_\_\_\_

2. Detail or example (with source) (E) \_\_\_\_\_

3. Detail or example (with source) – if needed (E) \_\_\_\_\_

B. Subtopic from main point #2 (P) \_\_\_\_\_

1. Detail or example (with source) (E) \_\_\_\_\_

2. Detail or example (with source) (E) \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_  
Detail or example (with source) – if needed (E)

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Concluding sentence and lead-in about how the details or examples for main point #3 support the thesis (L)

III. Topic sentence for main point #3 (P) \_\_\_\_\_

A. Subtopic from main point #3 (P) \_\_\_\_\_

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
Detail or example (with source) (E)

2. \_\_\_\_\_  
Detail or example (with source) (E)

3. \_\_\_\_\_  
Detail or example (with source) – if needed (E)

B. Subtopic from main point #3 (P) \_\_\_\_\_

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(Additional Subtopics may be added.)

\_\_\_\_\_   
Concluding sentence about how the details or examples support the thesis (L)

V. Conclusion

Reinvented Thesis : \_\_\_\_\_

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