

Outline for Your Research Paper

Name: _____ Period _____

Research question: _____ ?

Working title of paper: _____

I. Introductory Paragraph

1. General discussion of the topic (definitions, general information; 2-4 sentences): _____

2. Thesis statement (the **answer** to your research question): _____

II. Body Paragraph 1 supports your thesis!

1. Topic sentence (what is this paragraph about?): _____

2. Evidence 1

a) fact, quote, or paraphrase: _____

source & page(s): _____

b) commentary (2 sentences): _____

3. Evidence 2

a) fact, quote, or paraphrase: _____

source & page(s): _____

b) commentary (2 sentences): _____

III. Body Paragraph 2 supports your thesis!

1. Topic sentence (what is this paragraph about?): _____

2. Evidence 1

a) fact, quote, or paraphrase: _____

source & page(s): _____

b) commentary (2 sentences): _____

3. Evidence 2

a) fact, quote, or paraphrase: _____

_____ source & page(s): _____

b) commentary (2 sentences): _____

IV. Body Paragraph 3 supports your thesis!

1. Topic sentence (what is this paragraph about?): _____

2. Evidence 1

a) fact, quote, or paraphrase: _____

_____ source & page(s): _____

b) commentary (2 sentences): _____

3. Evidence 2

a) fact, quote, or paraphrase: _____

_____ source & page(s): _____

b) commentary (2 sentences): _____

V. Concluding Paragraph

1. Restatement of thesis and main points (topic sentences) using fresh language (2 sentences):

2. Explanation of importance or significance of the research (2 sentences): _____