

Research Paper Outline

(This is not a cake recipe, this is just an outline. BE FLEXIBLE.)

I. Intro (Parts A, B, C)

A. Hook:

B. Thesis/Claim: something like this: “While many individuals claim (x), a closer look clearly incates (y) because...”

C. Functional Introduction (preview of supporting points in order of appearance. Thee points should directly support your thesis.)

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II. First supporting point:

A. Evidence (research)

1. Warrant (reasoning)

B. Evidence (research)

1. Warrant (reasoning)

III. Second Supporting Point:

A. Evidence (research)

1. Warrant (reasoning)

B. Evidence (research)

1. Warrant (reasoning)

IV. Third Supporting Point

A. Evidence (research)

1. Warrant (reasoning)

B. Evidence (research)

1. Warrant (reasoning)

V. Fourth Supporting Point

A. Evidence (research)

1. Warrant (reasoning)

B. Evidence (research)

1. Warrant (reasoning)

VI. Concluding Paragraph (return to hook if possible)

A. Restatement of thesis

B. Restatement of supporting points

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C. Call to action/clincher (the final punch)