

Outline:

Title of Your Research Paper

I. Introduction π

- A. Introduce your topic. There are different ways to do this. Here are some examples:
 - 1. A Shocking, surprising or interesting fact (this is a hook)
 - 2. A current example from the news (another type of hook)
 - 3. A question (make sure you answer the Q) (also a hook)
 - 4. A relevant quote (another kind of hook)
 - 5. Why this topic is important? (you can even jump in in this way)
- B. Explain why your topic is important. (if not already done in "A")
- C. Thesis: (what I want to say about my topic, my main idea for the entire research paper; when you start out, this is your working thesis)

II. Background Information:

- A. Definition (if appropriate)
- B. Some relevant history (if appropriate)

III. The Causes: What makes it happen?

- A. Cause #1: Topic Sentence: What is this paragraph about?
 - 1. Provide explanation.
 - 2. Provide an example. The example can be:
 - a. from your research (if so, include a Parenthetical Citation);
 - b. from your own experience;

- c. from your own observations of other people or situations;
- d. from an interview (use a Parenthetical Citation if you interviewed someone).
- e. You can even create a hypothetical example (this means you made the example up yourself, based on real life).

3. Explain how the example supports your

B. Cause #2: Topic Sentence (if there is a second cause)

- 1. Provide explanation.
- 2. Provide an example.
- 3. Explain how the example supports your

C. Cause #3: Topic Sentence (if there is a third cause)

- 1. Provide explanation.
- 2. Provide an example.
- 3. Explain how the example supports your

* (you can add more causes if it makes sense to do so for your RP)

IV. The Effects & Problems

A. Effect/Problem #1: Topic Sentence

- 1. Provide explanation.
- 2. Provide an example.
- 3. Explain how the example supports your TS.

B. Effect/Problem #2: Topic Sentence (if there is a 2nd effect or problem)

- 1. Provide explanation.

2. Provide an example.
3. Explain how the example supports your TS.

C. Effect/Problem #3: Topic Sentence (if there is a 3rd effect/problem)

1. Provide explanation.
2. Provide an example.
3. Explain how the example supports your TS.

* (you can add more effects &/or problems if it makes sense for your RP)

V. Solutions: How can the situation be fixed or, at least, improved?

A. Solution #1: Topic Sentence

1. Provide explanation. How would it work?
2. Provide a concrete example, so we can visualize it.
3. Explain how the example supports your TS.

B. Solution #2: Topic Sentence (if there is a second solution)

1. Provide explanation.
2. Provide an example.
3. Explain how the example supports your TS.

C. Solution #3: Topic Sentence (if there is a third solution)

1. Provide explanation.
2. Provide an example.
3. Explain how the example supports your TS.

* (you can add more solutions if it makes sense for your RP)

VI. Conclusion

- A. Summarize (this does NOT mean REPEAT) the key points for your research paper, the points that are especially important for your readers to remember:
1. Restate the thesis and your key supporting points.
 2. Don't forget to restate your Solutions!
- B. How will these solutions benefit all concerned?
- C. Call to Action, or leave the reader with one more interesting thought.

Empathy : understand how people feel