

# Sample Paper Outline Blank

Research paper assignment:

Paper topic:

# Introduction

Typically an introduction includes a sentence or two that defines the topic (tells the reader why the topic is important or of interest), provides a context and/or some background on the topic, and a working thesis.

# First main category:

Subcategory:

Subcategory:

Subcategory:

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# Second main category:

Subcategory:

Subcategory:

# Third main category:

Subcategory:

Subcategory:

# Conclusion

Restate the thesis, but restate it in a way that acknowledges or includes the argument/points you make throughout your paper. A good conclusion should represent your topic in such a way that it reaches out and connects it to the world. Ideally it will tell the reader why your topic matters, or where it will take us.