

## Basic Outline

- I. **Introduction:** The hook, the introduction to the topic & Thesis.
  - A. Hook statement:
    - The first sentence should be your hook. Something to grab the audience attention.
  - B. Intro into your topic.
    - Then follow this up with information that leads into your topic. Make it relevant to your audience.
  - C. Thesis statement:
    - Thesis: (This is your research question turned into a statement with your opinion added.)

### II. Point ONE

Topic Sentence:

- Research/Info which back up your point
- Info bulleted here
- Info bulleted here

Transitional sentence: (This is the sentence which sets up the next point/ direction you are taking your audience.

### III. Point Two

Topic Sentence:

- Research/Info which back up your point
- Info bulleted here
- Info bulleted here

Transitional sentence: (This is the sentence which sets up the next point/ direction you are taking your audience.

### IV. Point Three

Topic Sentence:

- Research/Info which back up your point
- Info bulleted here
- Info bulleted here

Transitional sentence: (This is the sentence which sets up the next point/ direction you are taking your audience.

## V. Point Four

Topic Sentence:

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- Info bulleted here

Transitional sentence: (This is the sentence which sets up the next point/ direction you are taking your audience.

VI. **Conclusion:** Sums up you main points, and brings your argument to a close. You can do this by stating your final conclusion based on the evidence presented, and restate your thesis.

- Add your points here.
- Add points here.
- Restate thesis
- Final comments about topic and wrap things up.

The sections can go on and on depending on your paper. The numbers in this outline DO NOT refer to paragraphs but rather MAIN SECTIONS of your paper. (Don't confuse the two.)

Remember in college very rarely will you ever turn in a five paragraph essay.