

College Research Paper Outline

Paper Topic: _____ Audience: _____

I. Introduction

Possible ideas for the introduction (see front side of handout for suggestions):

Thesis Statement (Usually the last sentence(s) in the introduction):

II. Body (A paper may have a few or many main points; decide how many your paper will need)

Main Point: _____

Examples/Details/Explanations:

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____

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III. Conclusion

Reworded Thesis (Usually found near the beginning of the conclusion):

Other Ideas to Conclude:

Clincher Ideas: _____