

Research Paper Outline Template APA

- I. **Introduction (2-3 Paragraphs)**
 - A. Story, Quote, questions, something of interest
 - B. Statement of the problem (Your 'Why' questions)
 - C. History of the problem
 - D. Thesis

- II. **Body section One (4-6 paragraphs)**
 - A. Extent of the problem / How bad is it?
 1. What has happened
 2. Why should we be concerned?

 - B. Who is affected / how are they effected?
 1. Examples
 2. Stories
 3. Facts

- III. **Body Section Two (3-4 paragraphs)**
 - A. Cause/Effect:
 1. Because of this problem, this has happened

 - B. Repercussions of the problem
 1. If we don't solve, this will happen

- IV. **Body Section Three (1-3 paragraphs)**
 - A. Possible solutions
 1. What will work
 2. What will not work
 3. Possible oppositions

- V. **Conclusion (1-3 paragraphs)**
 - A. Relate back to intro(story/quote/question)
 - B. Restate thesis/dincher