

Research Paper Outline

I. Introduction (2-3 paragraphs)

- A. Story, quote, questions, something of interest**
- B. Statement of the problem (your ‘why’ question)**
- 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 affected**
 - 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 (1-2 paragraphs)

- A. Relate back to intro (story/quote/question)**
- B. Restate thesis/clincher**