

Senior Research Paper: Outline

Name: _____

Introduction Paragraph

Hook/Grabber: (Anecdote, quote, statistics, questions)

Overview: In this paper I will cover/consider... (State the questions/topics your paper will address in the order that you will address them)

Overall Research Question (thesis): _____

Body of Research Paper

I. Necessary Background Information

Before we look at _____ we must first understand _____

Possible things to consider in this section are: definition/terms, causes/effects, impact, prevention/treatment, etc.

- A.
- B.
- C.
- D.

II. The Current Situation

The state of _____ in society today is _____

Possible things to consider in this section are: statistics/percentages, impact on society, is it a concern? why? differing perspectives on the topic, etc.

- A.
- B.
- C.
- D.

(over)

III. The first area that needs to be considered to answer the research question is:

(The points I will explore in this section are:

A.

B.

C.

D.

IV. The next area that needs to be considered to answer the research question is:

The points I will explore in this section are:

A.

B.

C.

D.

V. The next area that needs to be considered to answer the research question is

The points I will consider in this section are:

A.

B.

C.

D.

(**Analysis and Conclusion:** Summary of findings and analysis of their implications for society (So what? What have you shown? Why does it matter? What recommendations do you have?)