

Research Paper Outline

I. INTRODUCTION

- A. Background of the topic
- B. Clear problem or research question
- C. Thesis statement and purpose
- D. Brief scope of what the paper covers

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

- A. Summary of existing studies
- B. Key theories or models
- C. Major debates or disagreements
- D. Research gap your paper addresses

III. METHODS

- A. Research design
- B. Data collection (tools, sources)
- C. Participants or materials
- D. Analytical approach

IV. RESULTS

- A. Main findings
- B. Patterns or themes
- C. Data highlights (figures referenced)

V. DISCUSSION

- A. Meaning of findings
- B. Connection to thesis
- C. Implications for the field
- D. Study limitations

VI. CONCLUSION

- A. Restated thesis
- B. Key results summary
- C. Final insight
- D. Future research directions

VII. REFERENCES

- A. Full source list

VIII. APPENDICES (OPTIONAL)

- A. Extra data
- B. Expanded tables/figures