Outline
The ability to construct an outline for a research paper helps to ensure that your paper is organized and logical. The outline is a required part of your research paper process and should be included in your portfolio (teacher discretion). You can use the outline below, or you can create your own outline template if you wish.

1. Start to organize your paper by placing the research you have into the outline.
2. Fill out the entire outline template below. You should exhaust all the research you have.
3. Go back and look for sources that will help you address any areas where you did not have enough information.
4. Use this outline to write your paper. Modifications to this outline may be made.

Note: You do not keep the words “body paragraph,” “major idea,” or “supporting detail” in your outline. You should replace these words with words that match your research. For example, the first body paragraph might be “Location” instead of the words “body paragraph.”

Title of Your Paper

I. Body paragraph (general theme) ____________________________________
   A. Major idea: ____________________________________
      1. Supporting detail: ____________________________________
      2. Supporting detail: ____________________________________
   B. Major idea: ____________________________________
      1. Supporting detail: ____________________________________
      2. Supporting detail: ____________________________________

III. Body paragraph (general theme) ____________________________________
   A. Major idea: ____________________________________
      1. Supporting detail: ____________________________________
      2. Supporting detail: ____________________________________
   B. Major idea: ____________________________________
      1. Supporting detail: ____________________________________
      2. Supporting detail: ____________________________________
IV. Body paragraph (general theme) ____________________________________

A. Major idea: ____________________________________
   1. Supporting detail: ________________________________
   2. Supporting detail: ________________________________

B. Major idea: ____________________________________
   1. Supporting detail: ________________________________
   2. Supporting detail: ________________________________

V. Body paragraph (general theme) ____________________________________

A. Major idea: ____________________________________
   1. Supporting detail: ________________________________
   2. Supporting detail: ________________________________

B. Major idea: ____________________________________
   1. Supporting detail: ________________________________
   2. Supporting detail: ________________________________

VI. Body paragraph (general theme) ____________________________________

A. Major idea: ____________________________________
   1. Supporting detail: ________________________________
   2. Supporting detail: ________________________________

B. Major idea: ____________________________________
   1. Supporting detail: ________________________________
   2. Supporting detail: ________________________________
VII. Body paragraph (general theme) -----------------------------------------

  A. Major idea: ____________________________________
    1. Supporting detail: ____________________________________
    2. Supporting detail: ____________________________________
  
  B. Major idea: ____________________________________
    1. Supporting detail: ____________________________________
    2. Supporting detail: ____________________________________