

Outlining an Academic Paper

Introduction



Begin your introduction with general statements that gradually lead to your thesis (specific)

Thesis: _____

Paragraph 1

Main idea 1: Your topic sentence for this paragraph

- Supporting detail 1:
- Supporting detail 2:
- Supporting detail 3:

Paragraph 2

Main idea 1: Your topic sentence for this paragraph

- Supporting detail 1:
- Supporting detail 2:
- Supporting detail 3:

Paragraph 3

Etc...

Conclusion:

- Restate your main thesis (in different words)
- Remind the reader of your main ideas (in different words)
- Offer advice/recommendations, but don't start a new topic.