

**Sample Paper Outline Blank**

Research paper assignment:

Paper topic:

# **Introduction**

Typically an introduction includes a sentence or two that defines the topic (tells the reader why the topic is important or of interest), provides a context and/or some background on the topic, and a working thesis.

# **First main category:**

Subcategory: Subcategory: Subcategory:

# **Second main category:**

Subcategory:

Subcategory:

# **Third main category:**

Subcategory:

Subcategory:

# **Conclusion**

Restate the thesis, but restate it in a way that acknowledges or includes the argument/points you make throughout your paper. A good conclusion should represent your topic in such a way that it reaches out and connects it to the world. Ideally it will tell the reader why your topic matters, or where it will take us.