

One Way to Organize an Academic Paper

1. Topic introduced:
2. Topic focused respective to audience:
3. The Problem (reflects my purpose):
4. Cost/benefits of addressing problem:
5. Thesis:
6. Preview of paper (the points):

Introduction



My POINT is:

My INFORMATION/
sources say:

My EXPLANATION/ EXPLORATION/
EXAMINATION SUGGESTS:

Repeat in paragraphs/sections 2, 3, 4 as needed.

Body: Use Point-Information-Explanation
(PIE) in each paragraph or paper section



Conclusion



1. What my audience should do/believe/think after reading this paper:
2. Why it matters:
3. Further questions/unresolved issues:
4. Further research:

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