

## Building Your Research Paper

**Requirement:** Gather a significant amount of research from sources that are directly related to your topic. Don't forget to gather background information – you will use it in opening of your paper as background information on the topic and at points in your paper to clarify information.

**Basic Format:** The basic format of this 10-page research paper will be as follows. Pages 1-3 = your introduction, background information, and your thesis. Pages 4-8 = your argument. Page 9 = your summary. Page 10 = your Works Cited page. This format is not set in stone, but rather is a general guideline.

Use this form to begin to build/outline your paper.

Your Topic \_\_\_\_\_

Your Thesis: \_\_\_\_\_

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