## **Research Essay Outline**

- I. Introduction
- A. Definition of the primary term.
- B. Overview of the topic's importance and relevance.
- C. Description of topics to be discussed within the essay.
- II. Background Information
- A. Historical context of the primary term.
- B. Historical relevance of the topic to society.
- C. Any additional sources to provide background information.
- III. Main Body
- A. Discussion of primary argument and point of view.
- B. Explanation of the significance and implications of main points.
- C. Information from secondary sources that support argument.
- D. Relevant experts' opinions that support argument.
- E. Additional evidence or examples to illustrate argument.
- F. Acknowledgement of any opposing points of view.
- IV. Conclusion
- A. Summary of the primary issues discussed in essay.
- B. Review of how main point of view was supported by evidence and examples.
- C. Reflection on the implications of the argument for the topic and society.
- D. Final statement that ties back to introduction.
- E. Suggestions for further research on the topic.
- F. Bibliography or list of all sources used in essay.