

How to write a research paper:

Introduction:

- A. Opening statement. Catch the reader's attention
- B. Develop a thesis sentence - a strong argument to guide your paper
- C. Preview the supporting paragraphs you will use to support your thesis

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Conclusion

- A. Return to your opening example, story, or attention grabber
- B. Review your supporting paragraphs
- C. Evaluate the thesis – was your thesis proven? Why or why not? Is there more research needed? Are changes on the way? Is there other uncertainty?
- D. Concluding statement