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# Capstone Project

## Research Paper Organization

Write down the action portion of your Capstone. What are you *doing*?

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Write down the research topic for your paper.

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Compose a topic sentence (thesis) that could be the last sentence of your introductory paragraph and could serve as the unifying idea for each paragraph.

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In this space, write your introductory paragraph. It should be 4-6 sentences long and should **end** with the topic sentence you wrote above. Generally, an introductory paragraph **does not include** information that needs to be cited.

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**Supporting Details.** On this page, you will isolate and articulate the 3-5 main ideas that support the overall topic of your paper. Each of these main ideas will be developed into a body paragraph in your paper.

**Remind us.** Rewrite your topic sentence (from page 1) in this space.

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**Supporting Idea #1. (Required)** Write down the first big idea that supports your topic sentence.

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**Supporting Idea #2. (Required)** Write down the second big idea that supports your topic sentence.

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**Supporting Idea #3. (Required)** Write down the third big idea that supports your topic sentence.

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**Supporting Idea #4. (Recommended but not required)** Write down the fourth big idea that supports your topic sentence.

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### Body Paragraph #1 - Required

Write the topic sentence (the first sentence of the paragraph) for your first body paragraph. This sentence should match up to what you wrote for Supporting Idea #1 on page 2.

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List 3-4 facts or ideas you will include in support of this topic. Check the box on the left if you will need to include an in-text citation for that information because it *is not* common knowledge and *it does* contain statistics, dates, names, or uncommon vocabulary.

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## Body Paragraph #2 - Required

Write the topic sentence (the first sentence of the paragraph) for your second body paragraph. This sentence should match up to what you wrote for Supporting Idea #2 on page 2.

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### Body Paragraph #3 - Required

Write the topic sentence (the first sentence of the paragraph) for your third body paragraph. This sentence should match up to what you wrote for Supporting Idea #3 on page 2.

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### Body Paragraph #4 – Recommended but not required

Write the topic sentence (the first sentence of the paragraph) for your fourth body paragraph. This sentence should match up to what you wrote for Supporting Idea #4 on page 2.

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