

## Scholarly Paper Planning Template

Templates are useful ways to codify the writing process into manageable chunks. Your assignment instructions and marking rubric will outline the requirements that you should be following.

**1. State the topic of your paper.**

**2. List the **areas** for discussion.** Use mind mapping to help you brainstorm your ideas.

A. \_\_\_\_\_

B. \_\_\_\_\_

C. \_\_\_\_\_

D. \_\_\_\_\_

E. \_\_\_\_\_

F. \_\_\_\_\_

G. \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Create topic sentences and list supporting details.** Think about how your paragraphs will adhere to the elements of unity, coherence, order, and completeness.

Restate **2A** in a sentence that clearly indicates what the paragraph will argue.

List supporting details and examples to prove the point you made in 2A.

A. \_\_\_\_\_

B. \_\_\_\_\_

C. \_\_\_\_\_

D. \_\_\_\_\_

Create a final framing sentence by commenting on the significance of 2A.

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Restate **2B** in a sentence that clearly indicates what the paragraph will argue.

List supporting details and examples to prove the point you made in 2B.

A. \_\_\_\_\_

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C. \_\_\_\_\_

D. \_\_\_\_\_

Create a final framing sentence by commenting on the significance of 2B.

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Restate **2C** in a sentence that clearly indicates what the paragraph will argue.

List supporting details and examples to prove the point you made in 2C.

A. \_\_\_\_\_

B. \_\_\_\_\_

C. \_\_\_\_\_

D. \_\_\_\_\_

Create a final framing sentence by commenting on the significance of 2C.

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Restate **2D** in a sentence that clearly indicates what the paragraph will argue.

List supporting details and examples to prove the point you made in 2D

A. \_\_\_\_\_

B. \_\_\_\_\_

C. \_\_\_\_\_

D. \_\_\_\_\_

Create a final framing sentence by commenting on the significance of 2D.

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Restate **2E** in a sentence that clearly indicates what the paragraph will argue.

List supporting details and examples to prove the point you made in 2E.

A. \_\_\_\_\_

B. \_\_\_\_\_

C. \_\_\_\_\_

D. \_\_\_\_\_

Create a final framing sentence by commenting on the significance of 2E.

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Restate **2F** in a sentence that clearly indicates what the paragraph will argue.

List supporting details and examples to prove the point you made in 2F.

A. \_\_\_\_\_

B. \_\_\_\_\_

C. \_\_\_\_\_

D. \_\_\_\_\_

Create a final framing sentence by commenting on the significance of 2F.

Restate **2G** in a sentence that clearly indicates what the paragraph will argue.

List supporting details and examples to prove the point you made in 2G.

A. \_\_\_\_\_

B. \_\_\_\_\_

C. \_\_\_\_\_

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Create a final framing sentence by commenting on the significance of 2G.

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### 4. Compile your conclusion from the key ideas you have made throughout the paper.

2A Why is it important? \_\_\_\_\_

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2B Why is it important? \_\_\_\_\_

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2C Why is it important? \_\_\_\_\_

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2D Why is it important? \_\_\_\_\_

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2E Why is it important? \_\_\_\_\_

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2F Why is it important? \_\_\_\_\_

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2G Why is it important? \_\_\_\_\_

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### 5. Write a working (draft) thesis statement.

The thesis statement should be revised and refined as the paper is developed. This ensures that the thesis remains consistent with the evidence and arguments presented in your paper.

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### 6. List seven references from credible sources that you will use to research your topic.

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### 7. Create a plan and timeline to overcome writing obstacles.

### 8. Open your APA template on your computer and write the introductory paragraph of your paper.

Include the thesis statement at the end of your introduction.

### 9. Use APA formatting in your references page.

### 10. Revise and edit your work.

Save your work often and make back-up copies as you work through your drafts.