

# **SAMPLE RESEARCH PAPER OUTLINE**

## **I. Identify a problem of interest to you, the writer**

- A. Define the problem. What is its nature?
- B. To whom is it a problem?
- C. To what extent is it a problem? Is it part of a larger problem or are there related problems?

## **II. Why do we have the problem?**

- A. What are the immediate causes?
- B. What are the deeper causes?

## **III. What are the consequences of the problem?**

- A. What are the immediate consequences?
- B. What are the deeper or long-reaching consequences?

## **IV. What is being done about the problem?**

## **V. What should be done about the problem?**