UBMS Research Paper Outline

Your paper should contain in-text citations done in APA style, be 3-5 pages 12 pt font, be double spaced and include the following sections (described in detail below):

**Title Page**
1.0 Introduction
2.0 Body Paragraphs
3.0 Conclusion
4.0 References/Bibliography

*This is your general paper outline. Your paper should contain these sections!*

**What goes on the Title Page?**
The title page should include the title of the paper, student name, mentor teacher’s name (from the high school), the name of your summer research group, and the date the paper was submitted.

1.0 Introduction (1-2 paragraphs)

An introduction outlines what you will discuss in your research paper and usually contains a thesis statement (if applicable).

**What main points will you discuss in the paper? Outline them here:**
(At least 3 main points)

  Main Point #1-
  Main Point #2-
  Main Point #3-

**What is a thesis statement?**

- It is usually a single sentence somewhere in your first paragraph that presents your argument to the reader. The rest of the paper, the body of the essay, gathers and organizes evidence that will persuade the reader of the logic of your interpretation.

- It directly answers the question asked of you. A thesis is an interpretation of a question or subject, not the subject itself. The subject, or topic, of an essay might be World War II or Moby Dick; a thesis must then offer a way to understand the war or the novel.

- A thesis statement makes a claim that others might dispute.

**Write your thesis statement here:**
2.0 Discussion Paragraphs
Here, you will take the main points you outlined in the introduction and expand on them and discuss them. Each main point should be its own paragraph, where you elaborate on why it supports your thesis statement.

Using bullet points briefly outline below what you will discuss in each paragraph:

2.1 Paragraph 1 (Discussion of Main point #1 from Introduction Section):

2.2 Paragraph 2 (Discussion of Main point #2):

2.3 Paragraph 3 (Discussion of Main point #3):

3.0 Conclusion/Recommendations. Using bullet points, briefly outline what your conclusions are and also include commentary about the future of your study topic (if applicable or known):
4.0 References

For APA style the reference list or bibliography should be organized alphabetically, by author’s last name. The website Purdue Online Writing Lab is a great resource https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/ (also see below for example references).

List your references below (using the examples below if needed):

**Examples of how to properly cite various sources in APA:**

**WEBSITE:**

Online articles follow the same guidelines for printed articles. Include all information the online host makes available, including an issue number in parentheses.


**BOOK:**


**JOURNAL ARTICLE:**


**NEWSPAPER OR MAGAZINE ARTICLE:**