

# Sample Outline Format – Global Studies Research Paper

## Paragraph 1 (INTRODUCE the topic)

- **Hook:** draw the reader in.
- What your paper is going to be about.
- Primary issues you'll be investigating & presenting.
- *Thesis Statement:* explain your main ideas.

## Paragraph 2 (EXPLAIN Background & Context)

- The key ideas one must take into account in order to understand this issue.
- **Cite evidence.**
- **Provide commentary on evidence.**
- What is the historical, political, and social context of this issue?
- **Cite evidence.**
- **Provide commentary on evidence.**
- Present additional ideas on historical, political and social context.
- **Cite evidence.**
- **Provide commentary on evidence.**
- Conclude paragraph and transition into next.

## Paragraph 3 (ANALYZE the issue)

- Present main ideas about the issue.
- **Cite evidence.**
- **Provide commentary on evidence.**
- Present additional main ideas about the issue.
- **Cite evidence.**
- **Provide commentary on evidence.**
- Present additional main ideas about the issue.
- **Cite evidence.**
- **Provide commentary on evidence.**
- Conclude paragraph and transition into next.

## Paragraph 4 (Further ANALYZE the issue)

- Present main ideas about the issue.
- **Cite evidence.**
- **Provide commentary on evidence.**
- Present additional main ideas about the issue.
- **Cite evidence.**
- **Provide commentary on evidence.**
- Present additional main ideas about the issue.
- **Cite evidence.**
- **Provide commentary on evidence.**
- Conclude paragraph and transition into next.

### Paragraph 5 (EXPLORE larger significance)

- Present main ideas about the issue's significance.
- Cite evidence.
- Provide commentary on evidence.
- Present additional ideas on the most noteworthy, surprising, or interesting aspects of your issue.
- Cite evidence.
- Provide commentary on evidence.
- Present additional ideas on how this issue connects with larger questions and why we should care.
- Cite evidence.
- Provide commentary on evidence.
- Conclude paragraph and transition into next.

### Paragraph 6 (CONCLUDE)

- *Restate Thesis*: remind readers of your position.
- Summarize what you have written about: main points & ideas.
- Repeat strongest thoughts & reflections.
- Pose possible additional avenues for investigation.
- **Ending Hook:**
  1. Leave the reader with something to think about.
  2. "Seal the deal" on your argument.