Research Essay Outline

For more specific help, see The Hudson High School Style Guide and/or any variety of websites. Use MLA and include a properly done works cited page.

I. Introduction
   A. Get the reader’s attention by using a “hook.”
   B. Offer a thorough overview of the issue at hand.
   C. Thesis or focus statement (three specific ideas).

II. First body paragraph (idea one from thesis statement)
   A. Topic sentence explaining your viewpoint.
      1. First example to back your point.
      2. Second example to back your point.
      3. Third example to back your point.
   B. Transition into next paragraph.

   Plenty of quotations or statistics for support.

III. Second body paragraph (idea two—maybe still one) from thesis statement)
   A. Topic sentence explaining your viewpoint.
      1. First example of support
      2. Second example of support
      3. Third example of support
   B. Transition into concluding paragraph.

   Plenty of quotations or statistics for support.

IV. Third body paragraph (idea three—maybe still one or two) from thesis statement)
   A. Topic sentence explaining your viewpoint.
      1. First example of support
      2. Second example of support
      3. Third example of support
   B. Transition into concluding paragraph.

   Plenty of quotations for support.

You will likely need many more paragraphs than this! See an online model

V. Conclusion
   A. Summary of main points or reasons.
   B. Restate thesis statement.
   C. Final Comment