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Title of Your Paper

Student Name

San Jose State University

JS100W, Section ____

Research Paper Draft

Instructor

Date of Submission

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Abstract

The abstract will be 250 words or less. It will serve as a summary of your paper, and should cover all of the major points and findings. It will be a single paragraph, and will not be indented.

The abstract will be the only text on this page.

Research Paper Outline

Your outline may be single spaced if you wish, and needless to say should be a copy of your Formal Paper Outline. The length of the outline will vary for everyone, likely anywhere from 3 to 7 pages.

- I. Introduction
 - A. Overview of the issue you are examining
 - B. Overview of what your paper will cover, and how this will be accomplished
 - C. Thesis statement

- II. The Issue
 - A. History behind the issue
 - B. Challenge posed by the issue
 - C. How the issue impacts society in general
 - D. Possible solutions to resolve the issue that occurred to you before conducting your research

- III. Literature Review
 - A. Theoretical literature (journal articles, textbooks)
 1. Overview/summary of each theory and/or explanation
 2. Relevance of each theory/explanation to the issue
 3. Application and utility of theoretical/exploratory findings to the issue
 - B. Empirical literature (journal articles) – For each study:
 1. Overview of the empirical study
 2. Summary of methodology
 3. Summary of the relevant/key findings related to the issue
 4. Critique of the study
 - a. Was it well thought out and designed?
 - b. Were seemingly appropriate methods utilized?
 - c. Were the findings applicable to your thesis?
 - 1) If so, how?
 - 2) If not, why?
 - C. Summary
 1. Cohesive summary of all relevant findings, theoretical, exploratory, and empirical

- IV. Recommendations
 - A. What can be learned from your research?
 1. Recommendations
 2. To whom or what are the recommendations relevant to, and why?

- V. Conclusion
 - A. Recap the importance of your topic (no new information!)
 - B. Revisit your thesis statement (did you find support or no support?)
 - C. Conclusions based upon information derived from the literature

- VI. Assessment of This Research Paper
 - A. How the procedures worked
 - B. What you learned
 - C. How this assignment impacted your career goals

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Centered Title of Your Paper

Please utilize the same main headings in your actual paper, as those found in your outline (with the roman numerals): Introduction, The Issue, Literature Review, Recommendations, Conclusion, and Assessment of This Research Paper. All of the main headings should be flush with the left margin, and should not be in all caps, underlined, italicized, or bolded.

Your actual paper must be a minimum of 8 pages in length, but not more than 10 pages. The paper length does not include the following: cover page, abstract, outline, or references page.

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References

You need a minimum of 6 references, four must be scholarly articles (like the ones used for Article Critiques), and the remaining two may be textbooks, books, government reports, or other reliable sources of information (please do not include magazines, newsletters, op-ed pieces (newspaper articles), or similar unverifiable sources).

References should be double-spaced, please DO NOT number or bullet your references. They should be listed in alphabetical order according to the first author's last name. Please be sure to follow proper APA format for your references.