

OUTLINE FOR SOC 102 RESEARCH PAPER

Introduction:

- Statement of the social problem. (Accurately portray the nature of the issue.)
- Thesis statement/sentence.

Body: Paragraphs 1 and 2

- History of the social problem. (*Work in sources.*)
 - You may also discuss past attempts at solutions.

Body: Paragraphs 3 and 4

- State the extent of the problem. (*Work in sources.*)
 - Be sure to apply the four elements of a social problem (i.e., individual and social damage, offense to a powerful group's standards, persistence, and overabundance of proposed solutions. This is where you explain what makes your topic an issue of social relevance.).

Body: Paragraphs 5 and 6

- State the possible causes of the social problem. (*Work in sources.*)
 - Be sure to make use of all appropriate theories that we have covered in class (i.e., conflict, functionalist, interactionist, etc.)

Body: Paragraph 7 and 8

- Future solutions.
 - You can discuss some of your own solutions utilizing the various sociological paradigms; however, be sure to utilize what others have written—i.e., *work in sources.*

Conclusion:

- Summarize your findings.