

IRR Outline

1. Cover Page

- a. Every page of your essay must have a HEADER and page number
- b. Middle, towards top of page type the following:
 - i. Research Question with Lens OR Research Question and Lens below it
 - ii. Name
 - iii. School
 - iv. Word Count

2. Introduction Paragraph

- a. Interesting fact, statement or question
- b. Introduce your research question and lens
- c. Background information: Why is this issue being researched? Why is it important?
- d. Context: What lens are you researching? How does your specific research question relate to the larger issue? What are the limits/boundaries of your research?
- e. Thesis Statement (TH): A clear and concise statement that communicates your purpose of writing and organizes your paper

3. Body Paragraphs

- a. Perspective "A" argument
- b. Claim/Reason 1:
 - i. 1st evidence: Paraphrase source, summarize source, or quote source
 - ✓ Remember to review the sample paper on animal testing for how sources were introduced for their credibility
 - ii. Commentary: Explain how the evidence supports the claim and the significance of the evidence listed above to the overall TH. Elaborate on and draw conclusions based on the evidence
 - iii. Add more evidence with commentary to support the claim as necessary
- c. Clincher Sentence/Transition: Explain how all of the evidence in this paragraph is linked to prove the claims/reasons why the argument/TH is true (or supported, as stated in your topic sentence for the paragraph). Conclude the paragraph in a way that flows logically into your next paragraph
- d. REPEAT THE ABOVE IN EACH BODY PARAGRAPH FOR EACH CLAIM/REASON
- e. SUGGESTED THAT YOU HAVE 3+ PERSPECTIVES AND 4-6 CLAIMS/REASONS IN ESSAY
- f. Counter Argument: in your essay you must bring up and discredit with evidence the counter claim/argument (doesn't have to be in a specific part of essay)

4. Conclusion

- a. Re-emphasize TH; summarize main points; discuss implications, solutions, or consequences. Do not introduce new information or sources. Provide some last insight into the topic without being repetitive.

5. References page