Research Paper Outline

In essence a good outline is just an extension of the proposal.

Section 1: The Problem– A succinct discussion of the problem that is at the heart of your paper. (2-5 ¶)

Section 2: Thesis– What do you believe to be the cause of the problem. This can be as extensive as you desire. (2-5 ¶)

Section 3: Research– The literature. That is, what sources have you found that will support your thesis. You do not have to have already read them, but hopefully you have skimmed them to establish their relevance.

Note: Break out the research in (a), (b) etc. to show what articles, books, web sites that you plan to incorporate. The more the better. (This should be as many sources as you can muster)

Section 4: Findings– What conclusions do you think you will draw from the articles/books, and all of the sources. (2-5 ¶)

¶ = paragraph.

Note: I want you to abide by the minimum-maximum standards described in the syllabus. The number of paragraphs listed are just a bench mark. If you fall under the minimum according to the syllabus you probably haven’t done enough preliminary research

Any questions please e-mail me.