

## English 1102 Research Paper Outline

- I. Introduction
  - A. Background information to set up the research question
  - B. The research question stated in declarative form (“In light of this alarming information, it seems worthwhile to examine whether the C.I.A. has actually been involved in the international drug trade.”)
  
- II. First possible answer to the research question
  - A. Summary / explanation
  - B. Analysis
  - C. Evaluation
  
- III. Second possible answer to the research question
  - A. Summary / explanation
  - B. Analysis
  - C. Evaluation in light of the first answer
  
- IV. Third possible answer to the research question
  - A. Summary / explanation
  - B. Analysis
  - C. Evaluation in light of the other answers

\*You may have other possible answers—three is an arbitrary number used for the purpose of this example.

- V. Conclusion  
Choose the best answer or combination of answers or explain that not enough reliable information exists to conclude anything confidently.

\*Sections do not equal paragraphs—each Roman numeral does not represent a paragraph.