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**Paper outline assignment template with minimal instructions**

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* You already submitted a paper topic assignment, so you could use *that* document as your template to build out this assignment.
* Do a “save as” and give it a helpful filename.   
  e.g., STUDENTNAME PaperOutlineAssign 2023-xx-xx (use current date)
* You may download and save this document to your computer.
* Follow more detailed instructions as laid out in class and here:
  + <https://johnbandler.com/paper-outline-assignment>
  + <https://johnbandler.com/final-paper-project/>
* Put in effort, have some fun, learn through the process.
* Confused or questions? Ask in class, email me prior, or include at the end with your submission. Do your best, consider the goals of this assignment.
* Delete *italicized instructions* below before submitting.
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**Paper outline assignment**

*Your Name Here*

*Today’s Date Here* , 2023

*Course Number Here*

**Title**

*Improved from your prior submission and incorporates feedback]*

*A wonderful, crisp title that informs the reader about what the paper is about*

*Communicate clearly. General rule, choose clarity, don’t be overly clever or cute*

*Topic needs to be relevant to the course*

**1. Introduction (your first point in the outline, your first section in the paper)**

***A single paragraph summarizing your proposed paper***

*Improved from your prior submission and incorporates feedback*

*A paragraph of no more than 250 words that is crisp, well proofread and edited, and introduces the paper to your reader. Improved from your prior submission*

*This can eventually be one of your paper's introductory paragraphs*

*Do not introduce or summarize broad concepts, such as the Internet, cybercrime, etc.*

*Your introduction can have a hint of conclusion*

**2. Bullet point - your first main outline point after the introduction**

*The bullet point crisply states the outline point to communicate it to the reader*

*The bullet point will eventually be turned into a section header*

*Include a sentence or two to explain about this point*

*This is an outline not a draft, so keep the text light*

*This first main bullet point should be devoted to summarizing what the current law is in this area*

**3. Bullet point - next outline point**

*Another point on law?*

*Brief summary, 1-2 sentences*

**4. Bullet point - next outline point**

*Brief summary*

**x. Another bullet point if needed**

*Brief summary*

**x. Another bullet point if needed**

*Brief summary*

**x. Conclusion (don't break new ground)**

**References: A list of references you have reviewed thus far**

*Leave this in place for subsequent submissions, including the final paper*

*List the references you have reviewed, starting with materials on our syllabus, and expanding from there*

*Research should be substantial by now and nearly complete, building on your prior submission*

*Don’t worry too much about citation form yet, but try improve it, and provide enough information so I can find it, including title, author, publication, page, link*

*Read what you have listed*

*Start with anything relevant listed on the syllabus, including coursebook and articles*

*List relevant laws or regulations, or cases (your paper is about law so you need to identify them*

**Student comments and questions**

Leave this in place for subsequent submissions, including the final paper.

List any consultations with school library and writing center, including date, time, person consulted

How did this submission go for you, and how has the overall process gone thus far for you?

*Feel free to ask a question or explain anything you are wrestling with, challenges, successes, etc.*