

Structure of an Academic Journal Article (and of a student research paper)

Literature (within **Humanities**)

does not typically use headings

Introduction

*Topic

*Impact: response to other researchers

- what other researchers have focused on and said
- how this piece of writing connects to past research but also adds something new

*Thesis/Claim

Method/Approach

Background information

Analysis of Evidence

*Arguments (interpretations of evidence) supporting the thesis/claim

*Evidence (from the literary text and various contexts) which supports the arguments

Conclusion

More detailed restatement of thesis (but the statement in the introduction must also be clear and specific)

Connecting the parts of the argument

*Significance/Impact: why your project should matter to your audience (other researchers), including what it tells us about what the literary work means as a whole

Natural Science / Social Science

typically uses these headings (or similar ones)

Introduction

Method

*How the experiment/study was carried out

Results

*Evidence: results of experiment/study

Discussion

*Analysis: interpreting results/evidence

Conclusion

**required (non-optional) part of this section*