**Contents of a Short Research Paper**

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**Introductory Paragraph**

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**(Topic, grabs reader)**

**Background Sentences**

**(Introductory option, and/or background details)**

**Thesis Statement (S Topic Sentence)**

**(Topic, subtopics, message, graceful lead in)**

**Detail Paragraphs**

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**(Transition, topic, subtopic)**

**Lead-off Sentences**

**(Transition, introduce a new detail)**

**Follow-up Sentences**

**(Provide more info about the new detail using your research)**

**Concluding Paragraph**

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**(Concluding Transition, Topic)**

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**(Concluding Option and/or Summarize subtopics)**

**Clincher Sentence**

**(Topic, message)**

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