**Paper Structuring Tips**

**Research Question:** What question are you trying to answer?

**Introduction:** Contain Thesis Statement + Purpose of study.

**Thesis Statement:** Answers research question with 3 main arguments. Make it 4 things:

1. Assertive – state what you intend to prove.
2. Singular – 1 clear idea with 3 points.
3. Specific – clear and specific.
4. Well-positioned – near the end of intro.

**Body:** All your arguments **to support your thesis**.

“Rule of 3” – 3 supporting arguments for each position you take.

Strong argument 🡪 Stronger argument 🡪 Strongest argument.

Topic sentences tell what whole section/paragraph is about.

**Conclusion:** Summary of arguments + restatement of Thesis to show arguments in paper. + call to action.

OUTLINE EXAMPLE:

**Topic: *Asbestos Poisoning***

1. **Introduction**
   1. Definition of Asbestos Poisoning
   2. Significance of the Study
   3. Thesis + Purpose of research
      1. Thesis: “Asbestos poisoning can significantly impact a person’s quality of life as seen by key symptoms of the sickness, its devastating effects, and the necessary treatments.”
      2. Purpose: “If asbestos poisoning is not taken seriously, then lives will continue to be affected and families will be crippled for many years.”
2. **Body**
   1. Symptoms of Asbestos Poisoning
      1. Topic sentence: “There are several key symptoms of asbestos poisoning that are important to watch out for.”
   2. Effects of Asbestos Poisoning
      1. Topic sentence: “The many effects of asbestos poisoning are terribly impactful to one’s health.”
   3. Treatments
      1. Topic sentence: “Medical improvements have produced a number of effective treatments necessary for dealing with asbestos poisoning.”
3. **Conclusion**
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      1. Re-state Thesis: “Asbestos poisoning can significantly impact a person’s quality of life as seen by key symptoms of the sickness, its devastating effects, and the necessary treatments.”
   2. Recommendations
      1. How to Deal with Asbestos Hazards
      2. Call to Action: “Asbestos hazards can be dealt with safely and effectively. If we do not start taking this issue seriously, then we will deal with countless deaths for years to come.”