Simple Paper Outline

I. Introduction

1. Introduce your topic with an attention grabbing sentence, quote, or statistic
2. Provide some background information about your topic (*cite your sources!*)
3. State your position on the topic, and briefly outline the evidence-based reasons which will prove your position (your thesis statement)

II. Body

1. **Reason 1**
   a. Introduction and explanation of your reason
   b. Give evidence (*cite your sources!*)
   c. Explain how the reason and evidence relate to your thesis

2. **Reason 2**
   a. Introduction and explanation of your reason
   b. Give evidence (*cite your sources!*)
   c. Explain how the reason and evidence relate to your thesis

3. **Reason 3**
   a. Introduction and explanation of your reason
   b. Give evidence (*cite your sources!*)
   c. Explain how the reason and evidence relate to your thesis

III. Conclusion

1. Restate the topic
2. Summarize the main reasons you give for your position
3. State how Reason 1 + Reason 2 + Reason 3 = your thesis is true!