I. Topic:  Copy down the topic that you’ve chosen for your research paper.
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II. What You Know: What do you know about this topic already? Write a short paragraph on any and all background knowledge you have.
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III. Thesis Statement: Write a thesis statement that is arguable. (Example: The misuse of technology in George Orwell’s 1984 is very similar to the level of monitoring and surveillance that exists in society today.)
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IV. Subcategory # 1: You need to divide your research paper into subcategories, with titles, so it is organized and easy to follow. (Example: If you chose as your topic to compare the Party to Hitler, Stalin, and Mussolini, those leaders would be your 3 subcategories.)
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V. Subcategory # 2: 
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VI. Subcategory # 3: 
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VII. Things to Research: Make a list of things you will need to look up in order to have a well-rounded research paper. What will you need to know about your topic?

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