I. Introduce the overall topic, explain basic info about that topic

II. Introduce the subtopic that you intend to focus on, explain basic info about that topic

III. Questions within the subtopic that are still unanswered or being debated—in-depth, analytical questions, not simple questions of fact

IV. Your research question (one of the questions listed in III) and your proposed answer (your hypothesis)

V. Research plan—the information you will need, the things you’ll have to find out, to answer your research question/prove your hypothesis.