SAMPLE RESEARCH PAPER OUTLINE

I. Identify a problem of interest to you, the writer
   A. Define the problem. What is its nature?
   B. To whom is it a problem?
   C. To what extent is it a problem? Is it part of a larger problem or are there related problems?

II. Why do we have the problem?
   A. What are the immediate causes?
   B. What are the deeper causes?

III. What are the consequences of the problem?
   A. What are the immediate consequences?
   B. What are the deeper or long-reaching consequences?

IV. What is being done about the problem?

V. What should be done about the problem?