Outline for Background Research Paper

Introduction	**Attention grabber (hook):** **Background info (real-life application)** **Thesis (main idea) statement:**
Body Paragraph #1 **Subtopic #1**	**Topic sentence:** **Supporting Details:** **1.** **2.** **3.** **Concluding sentence:**
Body Paragraph #2 **Subtopic #2**	**Topic sentence:** **Supporting Details:** **1.** **2.** **3.** **Concluding sentence:**
Body Paragraph #3 **Subtopic #3**	**Topic sentence:** **Supporting Details:** **1.** **2.** **3.** **Concluding sentence:**
Conclusion	**Restate the thesis:** **How could someone use this information in real life?** **Make the reader think about what you wrote and want to learn more.**

Attention Grabber

- Startling fact or statistic
- Question
- Anecdote
- Quote (perhaps from an expert in the field)
- Brief historical review

Background information

- Should thoroughly explain how the information is important in the real world.
- Who would need this information?
- In what situation is the result of your experiment important?

Thesis

- Should reflect the **main idea** of your background information
- Should explain the real life application (why does anyone care about this information?)

Subtopics

- You may have more than three if you have enough information for a full paragraph on each subtopic
- Possible subtopics:
  - History of your topic
  - Materials used in your experiment
  - Previous research findings
  - Scientific processes that might be involved
  - Related issues that are important to understand
  - Any real life situation that's connected and that requires more than the introduction

Conclusion

- Mention the thesis again but in different words
- Extend the thesis by reviewing why this information is important and who cares