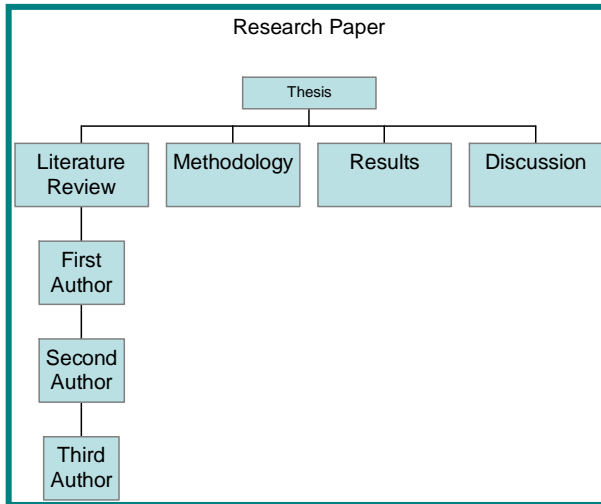


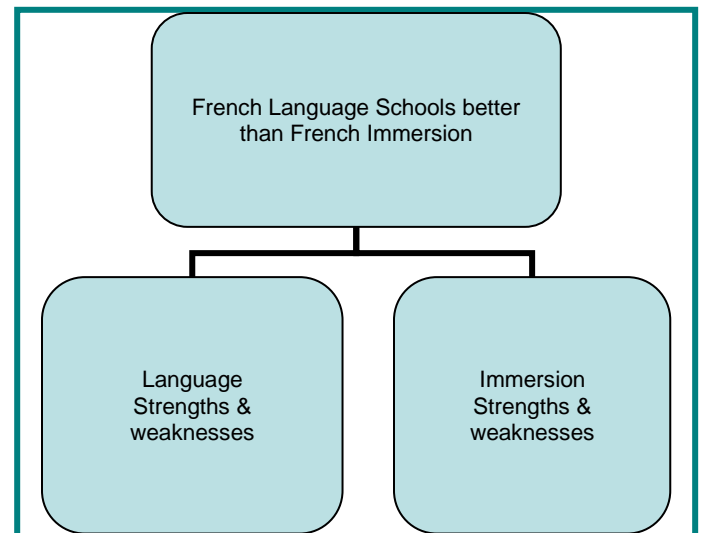
TYPICAL PLANS FOR A RESEARCH PAPER

A research paper needs a good plan. A disorganized text might confuse and frustrate your professor and result in a low grade for you. While a standard plan for a research paper does exist, it is not the only plan that you might want to follow. The plan you choose depends on the type of research paper you are writing and on the thesis upon which you base your argument. Below are several plans that might serve you, depending on the form of your assignment.



TYPICAL RESEARCH PLAN

- ❖ Introduction
- ❖ Review of literature
- ❖ Methodology
- ❖ Results
- ❖ Discussion
- ❖ Summary

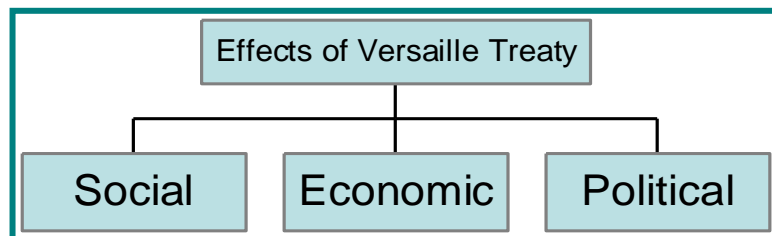


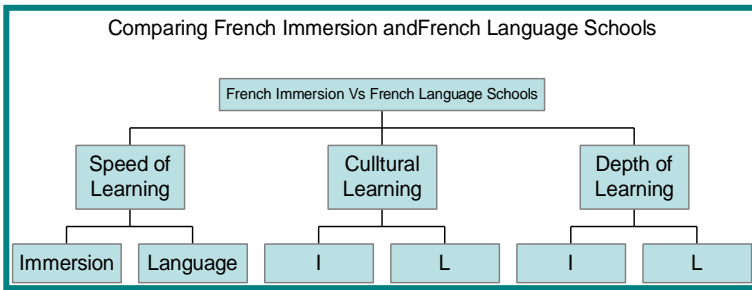
ARGUMENT:

- ❖ Agreement/opposition
- ❖ For/against
- ❖ Support/contradiction
- ❖ Example: *Anglophone parents who want their children to become fluent in French can choose between French immersion schools and French language schools, but the latter is the preferred system for several reasons.*

CAUSE AND EFFECT:

- ❖ Reason/result
- ❖ Rationale/consequence
- ❖ Source/outcome
- Example: *The Treaty of Versailles, which ended the First World War, had devastating consequences for Germany.*





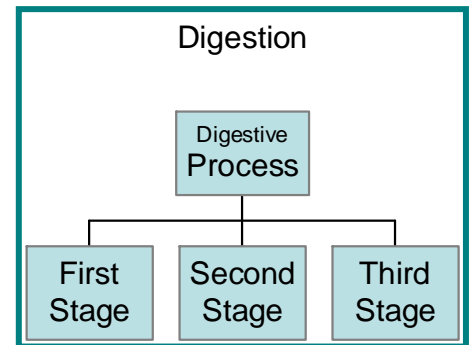
COMPARISON-CONTRAST:

- ❖ Advantages and disadvantages
- ❖ Pros and cons
- ❖ Strengths and weaknesses

Example: *Anglophone parents who want their children to become fluent in French can choose between French immersion schools and French language schools; both have strengths and weaknesses for speed of learning, cultural learning, and depth of learning. .*
Steps/stages:

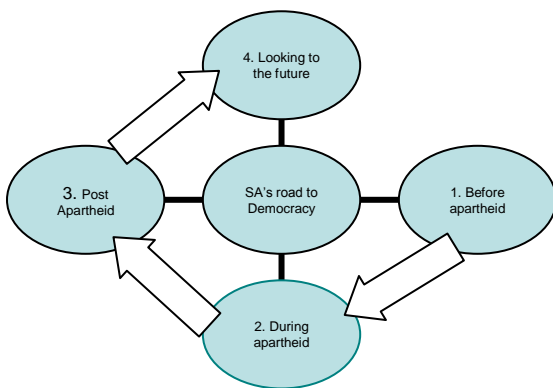
STEPS/STAGES

- ❖ Course of action
 - ❖ Method
 - ❖ Procedure
 - ❖ Process
 - ❖ Technique
 - ❖ Transitional phrases: *Step1, step 2...; First, second, third...; In the first place; In addition; As well; Moreover; Finally*
- Example: *The process of digestion changes the things we eat from their natural state into nutrients that maintain our body's health.*



NARRATIVE:

- ❖ Account
- ❖ Chronicle
- ❖ Legend
- ❖ Story
- ❖ Example: *South Africa's path from apartheid to democracy was fraught with danger and intrigue, but the story illustrates what can be accomplished with courage, trust, and hope.*



Remember: the plan for your paper can mean the difference between a C and an A.
Take the time to plan and aim for an A!