Research Essay Question:

Grabber:
What is interesting about this question? Grab your readers with an interesting fact, quote, or point that might make them curious about this topic.

Introduce topic/provide background context

Working Thesis:
What was your answer to the research question? What will you have to research?
Research Review

Find 5 articles about your thesis and list the relevant facts from each one.

1. According to (author/source) ____________ (date ____________) the main idea about this article is

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List the facts from the article that support this idea
Fact 1 _______________________________________________________________________
Fact 2 _______________________________________________________________________
Fact 3 _______________________________________________________________________
Fact 4 _______________________________________________________________________
Fact 5 _______________________________________________________________________
(You may add more facts as you find them.)

In conclusion __________________________________________________________________
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about the topic.

2. Another idea by (author/source) ____________ (date ____________) is

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List the facts from the article that support this idea
Fact 1 _______________________________________________________________________
Fact 2 _______________________________________________________________________
Fact 3 _______________________________________________________________________
Fact 4 _______________________________________________________________________
Fact 5 _______________________________________________________________________
(You may add more facts as you find them.)

In conclusion __________________________________________________________________
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about the topic.
Research Paper: Notes Sheet (cont’d)

3. A third writer, __________________________ (date____________) states that ____________

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List the facts from the article that support this idea
Fact 1 ______________________________________________________________________
Fact 2 ______________________________________________________________________
Fact 3 ______________________________________________________________________
Fact 4 ______________________________________________________________________
Fact 5 ______________________________________________________________________
(You can add more facts as you find them.)

The third author concludes that __________________________

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4. A fourth source, _________________________ (date___________) states that ___________

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List the facts from the article that support this idea
Fact 1 ______________________________________________________________________
Fact 2 ______________________________________________________________________
Fact 3 ______________________________________________________________________
Fact 4 ______________________________________________________________________
Fact 5 ______________________________________________________________________
(You can add more facts as you find them.)

This author concludes that ________________________________________________________

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5. Yet another idea, from __________________________ (date __________) is that ______
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List the facts from the article that support this idea
Fact 1 _______________________________________________________________________
Fact 2 _______________________________________________________________________
Fact 3 _______________________________________________________________________
Fact 4 _______________________________________________________________________
Fact 5 _______________________________________________________________________
(You can add more facts as you find them.)

This author concludes that ______________________________________________________
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____________________________________________________________________________.

Reference: Adapted from the International Reading Association/NCTE’s “Research Paper Scaffold”
Research Analysis

I found (how many)____________________main idea(s) about (your thesis)_____.

List the main idea(s)

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Explain how the ideas are different or the same, and how they support your thesis.

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Conclusion

What is your answer to the research question? (Restate your thesis).

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The most likely explanation seems to be that (give the important ideas from your research that support your thesis) ____________________________________________
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Concluding remark that ends the paper.

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References

*Citation style will depend on instructor’s directions (APA, MLA, etc.).

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