Article Anatomy: The Research Article

ABSTRACT
Summary of the whole article

INTRODUCTION
Why did the author do the research
Thesis statement

LITERATURE REVIEW / BACKGROUND
Provides context
Demonstrates author's command of the topic

METHODOLOGY
How did the author obtain the information?
Data: Facts, statistics, text

RESULTS / FINDINGS
What happened?

DISCUSSION
What the results mean
Recommendation for further research

CONCLUSION
Outcome of the research
Was the thesis proved, disproved or inconclusive?