Organizer

You can use this structure as a template for organizing your research paper. Write sentences for the corresponding elements in the spaces provided below: **CSI English 12**

Introduction:

Begin your paper with an **opening sentence** or **"hook"** about your topic that catches the reader's attention.	
Include **context:** provide the information the reader will need to understand the topic and how it relates to *your* Capstone project.	
State your **thesis**, your purpose. *What will you prove in your paper? What are you going to explore?*	

Body Paragraph: *(repeat this section multiple times)*

Write a general **topic sentence** that states the main idea of the paragraph for your first body paragraph, or for one you are having difficulty organizing.	
Write down the specific textual **evidence**: cited quotes, paraphrases, or evidence that supports your thesis from other sources, anecdotes, first-person interviews, etc. (Consider the minimum requirements for citations in this paper, and balance them accordingly)	
Analyze your evidence: tell the reader what is significant or important about this evidence. *How does the piece of evidence support your thesis? Why did you choose to include it?*	
Don't forget a **transition sentence:** Connect each paragraph with a sentence or two that demonstrates how each idea leads into the next.	

Conclusion:

Make connections for the reader. You should refer back to your thesis, but don't simply restate it. Re-word it. Use some of the following questions to guide you: • *Did you propose any solutions? Are there solutions yet to be discovered?* • *What questions still need to be answered?* • *What is the larger significance of the topic you chose to write about?* • *What should the reader do or think after reading your paper?*	

Structure: Expository Research Essay   **CSI English 12**

Introduction

Opening Sentence
Start your paper with a general statement about your topic that catches the reader's attention, a relevant quotation, question, anecdote, fascinating fact, definition, analogy, the position opposing one you will take, or a dilemma that needs a solution.

Context
Provide the information the reader will need to understand the Topic and how it relates to *your* Capstone project.

Thesis Statement
State your arguable position on the topic that you will support with evidence in your body paragraphs.

Body Paragraphs

Topic Sentence
Provide the main idea of the paragraph.
Supporting Evidence
Include specific textual evidence: cited quotes, paraphrases, or evidence that supports your thesis from other
Sources, anecdotes, first-person interviews or your own
Experience, etc
Analysis
Explain to the reader the significance of the evidence you have provided. Think about why you chose to include it. How does the piece of evidence support your thesis or your project.
Transition
Connect each paragraph with a sentence or two that demonstrates how each idea leads into the next, and how they work together to support your position.

Conclusion

Provide the reader an overview of the main ideas you discussed, but also be sure to highlight the progression of your thought process, offer solutions, next steps or present new questions that your paper generated. Don't only restate your thesis but show the significance of your synthesis of the information.