RESEARCH PAPER OUTLINE & THESIS MILESTONE WORKSHEET

ACADEMIC THESIS FORMULATION, LITERATURE SYNTHESIS & STRUCTURED DRAFTING ARCHITECTURE

RESEARCH PAPER TOPIC: _____ **COURSE:** _____ **FINAL DUE:** _____/_____/20____

CENTRAL THESIS STATEMENT & RESEARCH PARAMETERS

WORKING THESIS: _____

CORE RESEARCH QUESTION: _____

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STRUCTURED ESSAY & ARGUMENT ARCHITECTURE OUTLINE

SECTION I: INTRODUCTION & HOOK

- Engaging Hook / Contextual Background: _____
- Problem Statement & Definitional Scope: _____
- Transition to Roadmap & Thesis Formulation: _____

SECTION II: LITERATURE REVIEW & THEORETICAL FOUNDATION

- Scholarly Consensus & Dominant Theories: _____
- Methodological Gaps & Limitations in Prior Literature: _____
- How This Paper Fills the Specific Gap: _____

SECTION III: EVIDENCE, ARGUMENTS & EMPIRICAL SYNTHESIS

- Primary Argument A (Data / Source Citation): _____
- Primary Argument B (Case Study / Empirical Proof): _____
- Primary Argument C (Synthesized Comparative Analysis): _____

SECTION IV: COUNTERARGUMENTS & REBUTTALS

- Major Opposing Scholarly Viewpoint / Objection: _____
- Nuanced Academic Rebuttal & Defensive Evidence: _____

SECTION V: CONCLUSION, BROADER IMPACT & FUTURE RESEARCH

- Restatement of Thesis in Fresh Synthesized Language: _____
- Broader Societal / Academic Implications: _____

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