

**Title [optional]**

1. Introduction

> Start with the problem statement. The problem statement should address the relevance of the research. To make it clear why your research problem matters, you can ask yourself: Why do we need to know more about this? Why is this an important problem to study? Where and when does the problem arise? How many people are affected by the problem? Is the problem limited to a certain time period or geographical area?

2. Literature review

> The body of your literature review is where you demonstrate your synthesis and analysis of the literature on your topic, so be sure that you are doing more than just summarizing the facts you've found. I would also caution against organizing your literature review by source—that is, one paragraph for source A, one paragraph for source B, etc.

> Use APA style for in-text citations, see video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h7XVOF-ulpA>

3. Conclusion

> Your conclusion, like the rest of your literature review, should have a point that you are trying to make. What are the important implications of your literature review? How do they inform the question you are trying to answer?

4. Resources

> Use APA style for reference list, see video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SQ4kAsgAzzM>

> Make sure that the list is arranged alphabetically by the last name of first author.

> There is no need to number or use bullet points for the list of references.

Example of reference list:

- Baur, D. G., & Dimpfl, T. (2021). The volatility of Bitcoin and its role as a medium of exchange and a store of value. *Empirical Economics*, 61(5), 2663–2683. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00181-020-01990-5>
- Bergsli, L. Ø., Lind, A. F., Molnár, P., & Polasik, M. (2022b). Forecasting volatility of Bitcoin. *Research in International Business and Finance*, 59, 101540. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ribaf.2021.101540>
- Catania, L., & Grassi, S. (2022). Forecasting cryptocurrency volatility. *International Journal of Forecasting*, 38(3), 878–894.

5. Word count = include the number of words in a document