ESSAY, THESIS, DISSERTATION

ABSTRACT
350 words or less
State the principle objectives or purpose and the scope of the thesis
Briefly describe the methodology used
Summarize the results (own words, DO NOT USE CITATIONS)
State the principle conclusions
MUST include a statement of the study's public health significance/importance or relevance

INTRODUCTION
Identify the problem
State the scope and focus of the study
State the purpose/objective of the study or the hypothesis to be tested (research project)

REVIEW OF THE RELEVANT LITERATURE
Review the journal articles, books, etc. that relate to the topic
Summarize the major findings from these studies
Indicate gaps, weaknesses, and deficiencies in these studies that relate to the current knowledge of the topic

METHODOLOGY OR PROGRAM DESIGN
Describe in full detail how the information (data) in the study is collected and analyzed
Include definitions of terms (if any)
State the limitations of your study or problems that were identified

RESULTS/FINDINGS
Present the representative data
Repetitive determinations should be given in tables and graphs
Present the results with crystal clarity, clearly and simply stated
Avoid redundancy/repetition
If there are tables and graphs, briefly summarize the important and pertinent points from them

DISCUSSION
Present the principles, relationships, and generalizations shown by the results
Discuss, do not recapitulate the results
Point out any exceptions
Define unsettled points
Show how the results and interpretations agree or contrast with the previously published work in the Literature Review
Discuss the theoretical implications of the study as well as any practical applications
Give any recommendations

CONCLUSIONS
Summarize the major findings and the evidence for each conclusion
State the conclusion(s) as clearly as possible
Present the public health significance/importance, or relevance of the study

BIBLIOGRAPHY
Include all citations in the essay from the Introduction, the Literature Review, and Discussion
Choose one format. Consistency is the key. Choose the format from a professional journal of choice, or use the format from the American Journal of Public Health