**Sample APA Outline**

**TOPIC:** Counterinsurgency Operations

**NARROWED TOPIC:** History of counterinsurgency operations conducted by the U.S. military

**THESIS:** There is a systemic failure by the United States Military to apply lessons learned from previous experiences as we conduct counterinsurgency operations in the Middle East.

**TITLE:** Learning COIN the Hard Way

**I.** Learning COIN the Hard Way (Introduction=1/2 page; 1-2 paragraphs end with THESIS statement)

**II. Pre-World War I** (Approx. 3 pages) (LEVEL ONE HEADING)

A. Military Governance in Cuba

1. Gen. Brooke’s methodology

2. Gen. Wood’s approach

B. Philippine Insurrection

**III. Interwar Period** (Approx. 3 pages) (LEVEL ONE HEADING)

A. Constabulary Duty

B. Small Wars Doctrine

**IV. Post-World War II** (Approx. 3 pages) (LEVEL ONE HEADING)

A. Viet Cong

B. Al-Qaeda

**V. Conclusion** (1/2 page; 1-2 paragraphs – include restated THESIS statement) (LEVEL ONE HEADING)

**VI. Reference(s)** Page (1 page)