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- Background
  - Briefly review the most relevant literature
  - Provide motivation for the proposed thesis/dissertation topic.
  - Address the questions: What have others done? Why is it important? What are the challenges?

- Problem Statement
  - Provide an overview of the problem.
  - Finish with an objective statement.
  - Address the question: What work is being done?

- Research Objectives
  - Briefly list the objectives. The reader should be able to make this list based on the background section.

- Proposed Research
  - Describe the technical approach.
  - Describe the scope of the project and note any delimitations if necessary.
  - Describe the equipment and facilities required to complete the project.
  - Describe any collaborative efforts.

- Anticipated Research
  - Describe any publications, (including publication venues) patents, or other scholarly products that are anticipated to result from the proposed project.