

SAMPLE OUTLINE OF WRITTEN SENIOR THESIS

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Early Proterozoic Climate

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Thesis text should follow outline below:

- C. **Abstract** (250 words max, no references; must summarize objectives, methods, results and conclusions)

- D. **Introduction** (purpose and scope of study, background information, etc.; illustration with caption of study area, geographic map with location; reference any statements of fact, claims, information obtained etc., style of in-text references: (Fisher, 1998; Murray et al., 2010).

- E. **Methods:** (fieldwork, material (type of samples) and analytical methods used)

- F. **Description of Results:** (subtitled as necessary, illustrations of data and captions, data tables may be placed in appendix), give references wherever you take information or data from other studies.

- G. **Interpretation of Results:** subtitled as necessary, (how do you interpret your data, how does it relate to published data of similar type, you may illustrate your interpretation), give references wherever you take information, interpretations or data from other studies.

H. Conclusions: (what is your overall conclusion of the project's outcome? You may write this as a short summary or as a number of bullet points specifying a series of specific conclusions.)

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