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An outline of the main argument, methodology and literature review.

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Subtitles are recommended for use within chapters to subdivide material.

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A summary of main points and assessment of results.

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