What are the ethical issues?
*(Informed consent, confidentiality, justice, beneficence, respect, conflict of interest)*

Methodological paradigm
As the researcher, through what lens do you see the world?
- Constructivist/Interpretivist
- Positivist
- Post-positivist
- Critical theorist (engaged social theory / grounded theory)

Method
What techniques will I use to collect data that will answer my question? *(Surveys, Interviews, Policy Analysis, Ethnography etc)*

Rationale of method
This method is best suited to answer my question because ...

Recruitment
How am I going to get access to the people / records that I intend to collect data from?
What is my back-up plan if this fails?

Data
What data do I want to collect?
*(Statistics, Life-histories, Health records, Media transcripts etc)*

Aims
The aim of this research is to ...

Analysis
Once I collect my data, I will make sense of it by ...

Design
Qualitative / Quantitative / Mixed-methods
*Why is this design the best approach to answer your question?*

MY QUESTION
My question needs to be answered because ...

Analysis
Once I collect my data, I will make sense of it by ...