Stereotyped Format

Here, that's a good thing!

- Title
- Abstract
- Introduction
- Materials & Methods
- Results
- Discussion
- Conclusion
- References

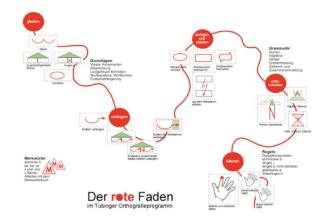
- 5. Be thoughtful.
- 6. Last item.
- -- As you progress.
- 1. Start here!
- 2. What done? How?
- 3. Explain, examine.
- 4. Think hard!
- -- As you progress.



Der Rote Faden

The recurrent theme...
The central theme...

...should be evident in EVERY part of the paper.





Desiderata

Descriptions must be precise.

Try to be objective.

Procedures must be complete.

Data must be exact (or error bars given).

Logic must be transparent.

Conclusions must be clear & concise ("clean").

Do not leave anything to the reader's imagination.

I try to leave out the parts that people skip. Elmore Leonard