My thesis is about…

My key research questions are…

I do this by… *[you might ,mention the literature you are drawing on or the methods used]*

The main points I would like to communicate to my readers are… [think about the main of messages you would like your readers to get as what is original about your thesis]

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3.

In conclusion, the main message of my thesis is…

Chapter plan

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Plan out one chapter in more detail

This is/ might be chapter number …

Possible chapter title

This chapter links to the previous chapter by…

This chapter is about…

I do this by… … *[you might ,mention the literature you are drawing on or the methods used]*

The main points I want to get across in this chapter are…

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In conclusion this chapter is about…

This chapter sets up the next chapter which will be about…

Plan

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