P‌‌‌‍‍‌‍‍‌‍‌‍‌‍‍‌‌‌‌lease follow all of these instructions for the research: Research question: How does the budget cycle affect the making of public policy? 10 references minimum From a policy making / analysis perspective, you are called to justify your decisions / recommendations with research and data. This research paper is a good way to think of the thought process involved when researching / answering a policy question when you have a job in the public sector, when you need to make a justifiable decision or recommendation. Basic Sections of a Research Paper Title Page: This is the first page where you will have the name of the paper, your name, the class and semester listed. Abstract: This is on the page after the title page. The abstract is an overall summary of the paper and is usually written after the paper is completed. When you read an academic journal article the abstract is that first part that tells you about the article and gives you hints to whether it is something you want to continue reading. Introduction: The paper begins on a separate page after the abstract. Do not write the word introduction at the top of the page. Instead, have your title at the top of the first page, insert an additional space or two and then begin the introduction. Here you want to introduce your topic and provide a roadmap that outlines what it is your paper addresses. Let the reader know the specific question (basically your research question(s)) you are addressing. Even if it seems repetitive since you have the abstract, the abstract and the introduction should be able to stand on their own. The introduction is a way for the reader to know what to expect as they go through the paper. Academic papers should have no major surprises (you are not writing a novel). The other sections do not need to begin on their own pages. \* Because this is a literature based research assignment I am not having you include a methods section where you would explain how you gathered your data (such as by surveys or running statistics). You may have to do this in other classes, but I am not having you do it here. Literature Review: This section may contain sub-sections (and probably should contain them). This is wher‌‌‌‍‍‌‍‍‌‍‌‍‌‍‍‌‌‌‌e you will discuss, organize and connect the various resources you use. For example if your topic is about leadership you might have two or three academic articles on different leadership styles. You explain what those academic articles say and organize them in a way that connects in some manner. Discussion/Analysis: Here you explain your answer to the research question(s) you posed earlier in the introduction. For example, if you wanted to address the question of what is the culture of SFASU, your literature review would have explained what scholars have said about organization culture (such as how to define it, what its elements are, etc). Then here you would discuss SFASU and explain what the elements of SFASU’s culture are (you already know the general elements based on the literature, here you add to the literature by saying what SFASU’s elements are). This is your original thought on the topic. Conclusion: In the conclusion, summarize what the paper has said overall. Remind the reader what you said you would do in the introduction, mention the general theme of the literature review and then reiterate the results/analysis from your discussion section. Again, this probably seems redundant with the abstract and introduction, but assume that you have to constantly make the connections for the reader. When you read academic articles or textbooks they do the same thing. They explain what the chapter is about in the introduction, go through the material and then provide a summary at the end of the chapter. You should essentially be doing the same. Example of a Basic Research/Writing Checklist \_\_\_\_ Title page \_\_\_\_ Abstract \_\_\_\_ Title at top of first written page \_\_\_\_ 12 point font in Times New Roman \_\_\_\_ Page numbers \_\_\_\_ Introduction \_\_\_\_ Roadmap included in introduction \_\_\_\_ Research question presented \_\_\_\_ Section headings correspond to roadmap \_\_\_\_ Contractions spelled out \_\_\_\_ Numbers 10 and below are spelled out \_\_\_\_ Acronyms are in parentheses after the first full use of title/agency \_\_\_\_ Long quotes have been single spaced & indented \_\_\_\_ In-text citations have been checked \_\_\_\_ Research question addressed \_\_\_\_ Conclusion \_\_\_\_ Reference list has been ch‌‌‌‍‍‌‍‍‌‍‌‍‌‍‍‌‌‌‌ecked