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Writing About Research

Research writing

- ▶ Research writing is writing that uses evidence (from journals, books, magazines, the Internet, experts, etc.) to persuade or inform an audience about a particular point. Research writing exists in a variety of different forms
- ▶ Research paper, report, case study etc..

Introduction:

- ▶ The first paragraph of your essay. It is the first impression your readers receive, and explain the main point of your paper. Your introduction contains your thesis statement

Body

- ▶ The paragraphs in between your introduction and conclusion. The body of your paper supports the main point of your paper.

Conclusion

- ▶ The last paragraph of your paper. It closes the paper and leaves the reader satisfied with what they just read. Summarizes your paper in an effective way.

Research paper topic

- ▶ The research question you are going to answer in your paper. The process of finding a good research topic may seem difficult the first time.

Conduct preliminary research

- ▶ A research plan should begin after you can clearly identify the focus of your argument. First, inform yourself about the basics of your topic

Thesis statement

- ▶ A thesis statement is a sentence that sums up the central point of your paper or essay. It usually comes near the end of your introduction.

Research paper outline

- ▶ A research paper outline is a useful tool to aid in the writing process, providing a structure to follow with all information to be included in the paper clearly organized.

First Draft

- ▶ It helps lay the initial framework for your paper. Preparing a first draft is where you test your outline and elaborate on the ideas to support your thesis. It is not the final product.

Second Draft

- ▶ The second draft implies that you start filling in the blueprint of your essay you drafted so far with specific details. Therefore, at this point, it may turn out that you need to conduct additional research to verify your data, or create more convincing arguments

Steps of Research Process

- ▶ Identify and develop your topic
- ▶ Do a preliminary search for information
- ▶ Locate materials
- ▶ Evaluate your sources
- ▶ Make notes
- ▶ Write your paper
- ▶ Cite your sources properly
- ▶ Proofread