

Peer Editing



Elements of the research paper

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The basic elements of a research paper are:

Title

Introduction

Literature review

Discussion/conclusion

References/bibliography

Title

Make sure your research title describes (a) the topic, (b) the method, (c) the sample, and (d) the results of your study. You can use the following formula:

[Result]: A [method] study of [topic] among [sample]

Example: Meditation makes nurses perform better: a qualitative study of mindfulness meditation among German nursing students

Introduction

The introduction states your thesis, rationalizes your work, and explains why it is relevant.

Use one color to identify each item:

1. Thesis
2. A statement that rationalizes your work
3. A statement that explains why it is relevant

Switch your paper!

Peer Edit Time

On the paper you now have, create the following comments:

Title:

- What did you like about the title? Do you believe it fits the format?
- How could this title improve even in the slightest bit. Or offer a suggestion incase it sounds better to the owner of that paper!

Peer Edit Time

On the paper you now have, create the following comments:

Introduction:

- Thesis: Based on [this link](#), does the statement have purpose?

*Write down a strength and a weakness of this thesis statement.

(a weakness could even be punctuation, word choice, or wanting more detail!)

Switch your
paper! Get a
second opinion :)



Get YOUR paper back!

Literature Review & Its Purpose

How do your sources contribute to understanding the research being studied.

Identify new ways to interpret prior research.

Reveal any gaps that exist in the literature.

Point the way in fulfilling a need for additional research.

Locate your own research within the context of existing literature [very important].

Basically:

- Where do you elaborate on a source? - Where do you cite your source?
- Where do you provide your own thoughts and ideas (without the use of personal pronouns)?
- Do you identify questions left within the research already found?

Literature Review/Body Paragraphs

Basically:

- Where do you elaborate on a source? - Where do you cite your source?
- Where do you provide your own thoughts and ideas (without the use of personal pronouns)?
- Do you identify questions left within the research already found?

Mark the following with a highlighter or pen:

- When you cite a source
- When you elaborate your own ideas on that source
- Topic sentences that begin a section

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Look for the following:

- Do they have strong elaborating on sources?
- How often do they cite a source?
- Check for the correct citation; match to work cited.

*Write a strength & weakness of this paper.

Get a second
opinion!



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Reflect



Jot down some thoughts...

- 1. Was the feedback helpful? Why or why not?**
- 2. Did this help you understand the criteria?**
- 3. What changes do you plan to make?**