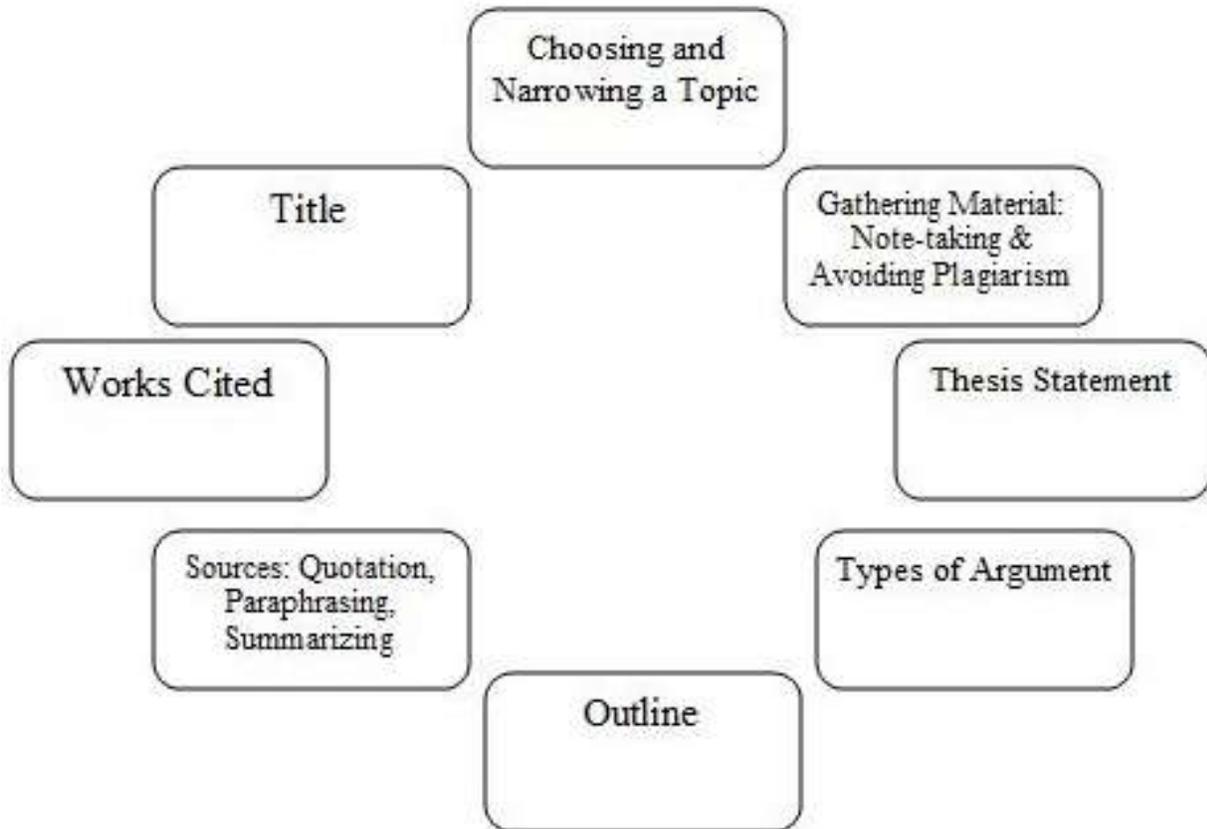


A research paper is not...

- ✗ A _____ of information from other _____.
- ✗ A _____ of information.
- ✗ A _____ that you might find in an _____.
- ✗ _____ of information into a document.
- ✗ The results of _____ search.

Stages to Study



Topic Selection

- ✘ When selecting a research topic, do not _____.
- ✘ When selecting a research topic, ask yourself _____.
- ✘ If you could study any subject or find out about anything in the world, what would it be?

- ✘ I would love to study and learn more about _____
_____.

Narrowing the Topic

- ✘ General:
- ✘ Narrowed:
- ✘ Focus:
- ✘ Research questions:

Hero Research Project

For this project, we will be selecting a person who is a hero. We will define a hero as ***someone who has overcome adversity to make a positive difference in the world***. In selecting a person to research, you should select someone you admire, someone who embodies the qualities of a hero. You should plan on becoming the class expert on this person.

Topic

Subtopics

Which subtopics am I most interested in?

What new questions do you have about the subtopic?

Formulate a topic sentence.

Gathering Materials

A good research paper requires many _____ and expert sources to be _____.

Use _____ sources as much as possible.

Find sources:

- × _____
- × _____
- × _____
- × _____
- × _____
- × _____
- × _____
- × _____
- × _____

Types of Sources

An original source:

- ❖ _____
- ❖ _____
- ❖ _____
- ❖ _____

Not an original source:

- × _____
- × _____
- × _____
- × _____
- × _____

Credible Sources

- ✗ Which of the following is the most credible source?
 - + The New York Times
 - + <http://www.opinionweekly.com>
- ✗ Which person is most believable?
 - + Jane Smith from Orlando, Florida
 - + Dr. Jane Pauley, Prof. of Medical Sciences, University of Minnesota
- ✗ Ask the following questions about your source to determine its credibility.
- ✗ When was the source _____?
- ✗ Who is the _____ and what is his or her _____?
- ✗ Who is the source's intended _____?
- ✗ Does the source show invalidated _____?
- ✗ What sort of _____ does the source list?

These are examples of sources that are a good place to start.

- ✗ _____
- ✗ _____
- ✗ _____

What is plagiarism?

- ✗ Copying word for word from published sources without _____
- ✗ Using _____ from sources without adequate documentation
- ✗ _____ a pre-written paper
- ✗ • Letting someone else _____
- ✗ _____ someone else to _____
- ✗ _____ as your own someone else's _____ or _____ work.

- ✘ It is vital to all research papers that sources be _____ and _____ correctly.
- ✘ You must give proper _____ to quotes and all information you take from your sources.
- ✘ Take good notes and keep track of all your _____ and _____ to avoid plagiarism.

Works Cited

- ✘ Arrange your sources in _____ order by the author's last name. If an entry has two or three authors, use the first author's last name.
- ✘ An entry that has no author should be alphabetized by the _____ word of the article title, not counting _____.
- ✘ If you have more than one source by the same author, alphabetize these by their _____.
- ✘ _____ all major words in the titles of books, articles, etc.
- ✘ Begin the first line of each entry at the _____, and indent succeeding lines of each entry _____ from the left margin.
- ✘ _____, **between and within entries.**
- ✘ Center the words _____ at the top of the page, but don't italicize or underline them.

Note Taking

- ✘ It is important to take _____ notes and correctly _____ them.

- ✘ This will save you time and keep you _____ when you write your paper.
- ✘ When note taking, take only _____.
- ✘ If you take a quote be sure to use _____ and _____.

Summary, Paraphrase & Quotation

- ✘ A summary _____
- ✘ A paraphrase _____
- ✘ A quotation _____

Achilles: The Fate of Achilles

- ✘ In his Iliad, Homer does not explain what happened to Achilles. According to later legends (and bits and pieces of Homer's own Odyssey), the warrior returned to Troy after Hector's funeral to exact further revenge for Patroclus' death. However, the still-vengeful Apollo told Hector's brother Paris that Achilles was coming. Paris, who was not a brave warrior, ambushed Achilles as he entered Troy. He shot his unsuspecting enemy with an arrow, which Apollo guided to the one place he knew Achilles was vulnerable: his heel, where his mother's hand had kept the waters of the Styx from touching his skin. Achilles died on the spot, still undefeated in battle.
- ✘ www.history.com, 1996-2013, A&E Television Networks, LLC. All Rights Reserved, Achilles



A Thesis

- ✘ tells the reader how you will _____ of the subject matter under discussion.
- ✘ is a _____ for the paper; in other words, it tells the reader what to expect from the rest of the paper.
- ✘ directly answers the question asked of you. A thesis is an interpretation of a question or subject, not the subject itself. The subject, or topic, of an essay might be World War II or Moby Dick; a thesis must then offer a way to _____ the war or the novel.
- ✘ makes a _____ that others might _____.
- ✘ is usually a _____ somewhere in your first paragraph that presents your _____ to the reader. The rest of the paper, the body of the essay, gathers and organizes evidence that will persuade the reader of the logic of your interpretation.

Cyber-Bullying Thesis Example

Topic: Cyber-bullying

Position: Cyber-bullying should be a criminal, punishable offense in the United States

Reasons/Support/Topic Sentences for Position:

1. Cyber-bullying affects a staggering number of children and teenagers each year.
2. Due to the high presence of technology in Americans' lives, it is impossible for a victim to escape cyber-bullying.
3. Cyber-bullying can lead to serious health concerns, depression, anxiety, and even suicide.
4. Many young people are afraid to report cyber-bullying, and thus suffer in silence.
5. The majority of cyber-bullies are never punished due to a lack of laws and measures to protect victims.
6. Cyber-bullying is preventable with stricter social networking regulations and adult supervision.

Thesis Statement: *All of the reasons/ topic sentences above must connect to your thesis statement.*

- ✘ Cyber-bullying should be a criminal, punishable offense in the United States in order to protect the nation's children and teenagers.

Types of Argument

Deductive Argument: _____

_____. (In other words, an argument where truth of the premises guarantees truth of the conclusion.)

- ✘ **Example:**
- ✘ All men are _____
- ✘ Socrates is a _____ therefore...
- ✘ _____

Inductive Argument: _____

- ✘ _____ . (An inductive argument will not be deductively valid, because even if a pattern is found many times, that doesn't guarantee it will always be found. Therefore, an inductive argument provides weaker, less trustworthy support for the conclusion than a deductive argument does.)
- ✘ **Example:**
- ✘ We have seen 1000 swans, and _____
- ✘ therefore
- ✘ _____

Abductive Argument:

- ✘ An argument that (i) _____, (ii) points out that if a certain _____, we would get this fact, and so (iii) concludes _____ . (Abductive arguments seem to make an even bigger jump than inductive arguments: inductive arguments generalize, while abductive arguments say that successful predictions 'prove' a theory is true. Abductive arguments are not deductively valid, because false theories can make true predictions, so true predictions do not guarantee that the theory is true.)
- ✘ **Example:**
- ✘ These coins conduct electricity (fact)
- ✘ If these coins are made of gold (hypothesis), then they would conduct electricity (prediction).
therefore
- ✘ _____.

Parenthetical Citation

- ✘ After _____ or _____ information which is not common knowledge or inserting a quotation, you must use parenthetical citations/documentation.
- ✘ Parenthetical refers to _____ and documentation refers to the corresponding

_____ entry. It is also known as an internal citation or parenthetical citation.

Parenthetical Citation Example

This sentence was **paraphrased** from an article in an encyclopedia. The complete title of the article is "Technological Advances in the American Computer Industry":

- ✘ Even though the technology for screens has been around for decades, only in the last few years have manufacturers figured out a way to produce them cheaply for computers ("Technological Advances" 185).

Use a variety of lead-ins to introduce concepts or findings from researchers.

Examples:

- ✘ *According to Smith (2001), the presence of a television set in the home even changed eating habits; frozen TV dinners, TV trays, and TV tables altered the physical and social contexts of family meals.*
- ✘ *By the early 1960's, "90 percent of all households had at least one television set" (Bishop & Marx, 2006, p. 2).*
- ✘ *Television programs and commercials reinforced rigid gender roles and promised consumers material wealth if they could fit the roles. One social critic from the era remarked that "television certainly nurtured both consumerism and conformity" (Cole, 1966, p. 24).*

Use the information about Achilles to imitate one of the above examples of lead-ins.

Sample Outline

THE COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS

I. CHOOSE DESIRED COLLEGES

- A. Visit and evaluate college campuses
- B. Visit and evaluate college websites
 - 1. Look for interesting classes
 - 2. Note important statistics

II. PREPARE APPLICATION

- A. Write personal statement
 - 1. Choose interesting topic
 - a. Describe an influential person in your life
 - (1) Favorite high school teacher
 - (2) Grandparent
 - 2. Include important personal details
 - a. Volunteer work
 - b. Participation in varsity sports

- B. Revise personal statement

III. COMPILE RÉSUMÉ

- A. List relevant coursework
- B. List work experience
- C. List volunteer experience
 - 1. Tutor at foreign language summer camp
 - 2. Counselor for suicide prevention hotline

Importance of Title

✘ Leave your title off until the _____.

✘ The title of a research paper can be _____ because you want it to be

_____. Look back at your topic sentence and thesis sentence for ideas.

Make sure your title catches the audience's _____ and makes them want to read your research.