

Sections of a Research Paper

Abstract (write this last)

An abstract is a brief summary of a research paper. It helps readers decide whether they'd like to read the paper.

Introduction (write this first)

An introduction announces your topic, provides context, and includes rationale for why that particular research is important. A well-written introduction sets the tone for the paper, catches the reader's interest, and includes a thesis statement.

Review of the Literature

A literature review is a survey of academic sources that provides an overview of a particular topic. It generally follows a discussion of the paper's thesis statement or the study's goals or purpose.

Methodology

The methodology in a research paper is the section in which the writer describes the actions taken to investigate and research an issue. It also includes the writer's rationale for the particular processes and techniques used to identify, collect and analyze data.

Results

This section describes the main outcomes of a research project which includes what the project suggested, revealed or indicated. This section refers to the totality of outcomes, rather than the conclusions or recommendations drawn from them.

Conclusions

The conclusion of a research paper restates the research problem, summarizes your arguments or findings, and discusses the implications.

References

The Reference Section is a list of the details of the in-text citations which have been used in the main text. It includes information such as author, year of publication, title, and publisher or URL.

Research Paper Schedule

~~Week 5 - Revise thesis statements~~

Week 6 (Nov 11) - Write first draft of introduction.

HW for next week: Put on Google Doc, bring two more articles related to your research.

Week 7 (Nov 18) - Start Review of the Literature

Week 8 (Nov 25)- Continue working on Review of the Literature

Week 9 (Dec 2) - Finish Review of the Literature / Start original research

Week 10 (Dec 9) - Continue research (survey, interview, experiment...)

Week 11 (Dec 16) - Continue research (survey, interview, experiment...)

Week 12 (Dec 23) - Continue research (survey, interview, experiment...)

Week 13 (Jan 6) - Write conclusion, abstract, reference section

Week 14 (Jan 13) -

Week 15 (Feb 3) - Feedback