

Essay 3: Research Study

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Topic: Research Study

Due Date: **April 2nd @ 11:59** on Canvas Assignments

Format:

- APA or MLA for in-text citations and bibliography (“References” or “Works Cited”)
- Times New Roman, 12 pt. Font.
- Double-spaced.
- 1” Margins (should be the default setting).
- Bibliography at the end of the assignment.

Length: A minimum of 1,000 words (Excluding bibliography)

Summary: In this course, you have learned about the many aspects of a research project. Specifically, you were taught how to explore a topic and narrow down your claim, how to craft a research proposal and plan your research project, how to gather and organize research, how to synthesize information and avoid plagiarism, and how to read and write rhetorically. Therefore, you are prepared to write this research study. The purpose of this research study is to conduct primary research via surveys/questionnaires, interviews, observations, or other methods of collecting qualitative and/or quantitative data. You have already outlined your methods in your research proposal, so this research study requires you to conduct that planned research and summarize your findings. You should also discuss the implications and significance of your findings after the results section.

Your research study should follow the IMRaD structure:

Introduction

1. Provide at least one research question.
2. Explain the significance of question/questions.
3. Review of background or known information on your topic (context for a lay reader).
4. Provide a thesis statement that explicitly states the purpose of the research study.

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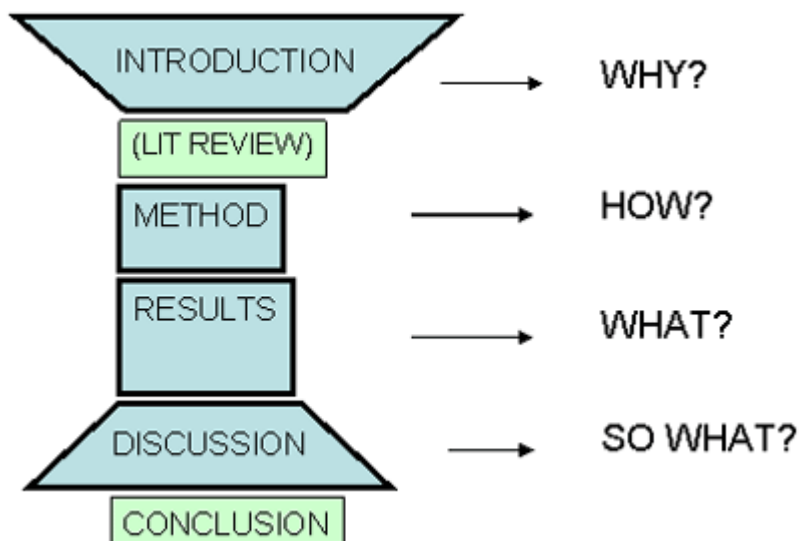
you collect data? How did you analyze data?).

Results

1. Describe what you found out from your research (Was there a pattern? What responses did you receive?).
2. Develop each point thoroughly, as this is the main section of your research paper.

Discussion

1. Explain the significance of your findings (What do your results mean? Why should we care?).
2. Describe how they support your thesis.
3. Discuss limitations of your research (was your sample size small? Did you only conduct qualitative research or quantitative research?)



(Swales & Feak, 2000)

Required Content

- Provides a background on the topic with at least one source in the Introduction.
- Presents a research question in the Introduction.
- Creates a strong thesis that corresponds with the research question in the Introduction.
- Each paragraph has a strong topic sentence that introduces the section (IMRaD).
- Describes the methods used to conduct the research in the Methods section (participants, materials, analysis).
- Reports on the findings in the Results section.

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- Consists of well-written content that has concise language and minimal errors.
- Meets the correct format and length requirements outlined at the top of this assignment sheet.

Extra Credit Opportunity

Book an online appointment at the Texas State University Writing Center via the link below, have them look over your research study or help you craft it, and have them email me at daa155@txstate.edu (<mailto:daa155@txstate.edu>) to get three extra points on your research study assignment. To get the most out of your appointment, you may want to show your consultant this assignment sheet at the beginning of your appointment!

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| Criteria | Ratings | | Pts |
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| Provides a background on the topic with at least one source. | 10 pts Full Marks | 0 pts No Marks | 10 pts |
| Presents a research question in the introduction. | 10 pts Full Marks | 0 pts No Marks | 10 pts |
| Creates a strong thesis that corresponds with the research question. | 20 pts Full Marks | 0 pts No Marks | 20 pts |
| Each paragraph has a strong topic sentence that introduces the section (IMRaD). | 10 pts Full Marks | 0 pts No Marks | 10 pts |
| Describes substantial methods used to conduct the research. | 10 pts Full Marks | 0 pts No Marks | 10 pts |
| Reports on the findings in the Results section. | 10 pts Full Marks | 0 pts No Marks | 10 pts |
| Elaborates on the significance of the findings and how they support the thesis in this Discussion section. | 10 pts Full Marks | 0 pts No Marks | 10 pts |
| Describes at least one limitation to research in the Discussion section. | 10 pts Full Marks | 0 pts No Marks | 10 pts |
| Consists of well-written content that has concise language and minimal errors. | 5 pts Full Marks | 0 pts No Marks | 5 pts |
| Meets the correct format and length requirements outlined at the top of the assignment sheet. | 5 pts Full Marks | 0 pts No Marks | 5 pts |

Total Points: 100

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