

Research and Write!

10 Steps to Writing an
AMAZING Research Report
You Can Be Proud Of



Step 1: Plan Your Research

What is the main idea of your research project?

List 5 questions you have about your main idea:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

	Question 1	Question 2	Question 3
List a book or other source where you can find information about your question.			
	Question 4	Question 5	

Step 6: Research Question #5

My fifth question is...

In order to answer this question I need to know...

Here are the 3 most important ideas or facts that I found about my question:

Idea/Fact #1:

I found this information here: _____

Idea/Fact #2:

I found this information here: _____

Idea/Fact #3:

I found this information here: _____

Step 7: Write Topic Sentences

Go back and read the ideas/facts that you discovered while answering question #1.

What do your ideas/facts have in common?

Write a topic sentence about your first question.

Go back and read the ideas/facts that you discovered while answering question #2.

What do your ideas/facts have in common?

Write a topic sentence about your second question.

Step 8: Draft Your Research Report

Now it's time to use your own words to write your research report. The good news is that you've already used your own words to write topic sentences, so the rest will be a piece of cake!

Here is how to build your first paragraph:

Topic Sentence. A sentence describing the first idea/fact.
A sentence describing the second idea/fact. A sentence describing the third idea/fact. A closing sentence that repeats the main idea in different words.

Topic Sentence: Tells the main idea

Supporting Sentence: Gives a reason, example, or event to explain the first idea/fact

Supporting Sentence: Gives a reason, example, or event to explain the second idea/fact

Supporting Sentence: Gives a reason, example, or event to explain the third idea/fact

Closing sentence: Repeats the main idea in different words

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Here is how to build your third paragraph:

Topic Sentence. A sentence describing the first idea/fact.
A sentence describing the second idea/fact. A sentence describing the third idea/fact. A closing sentence that repeats the main idea in different words.

Topic Sentence: Tells the main idea

Supporting Sentence: Gives a reason, example, or event to explain the first idea/fact

Supporting Sentence: Gives a reason, example, or event to explain the second idea/fact

Supporting Sentence: Gives a reason, example, or event to explain the third idea/fact

Closing sentence: Repeats the main idea in different words

Step 9: Hook Your Reader and Let 'Em Know You're Done!

The last step to having an AMAZING research report is to write an introductory paragraph and a closing paragraph.

An introductory paragraph tells your reader what your report is about. It's a lot of fun to tease your reader, so ask them if they have ever wondered about your topic or if they know a surprising fact about your topic.

True Statement about your topic.

Surprising fact about your topic.

Sentence explaining what the reader will learn if they read your paper.

A closing paragraph tells your reader that you are done sharing information about your topic. This is a good time to write about your opinion or suggest where the reader could go to learn more.

An opinion statement about your topic.

Sentence supporting your opinion.

Sentence encouraging your reader to learn more.