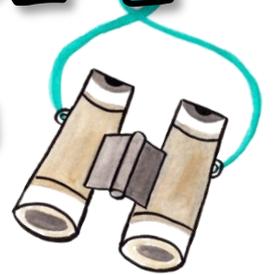




Let's Write a

RESEARCH REPORT



Introduction



TODAY'S LESSON:

What is a research report?



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A type of **essay** based mainly on the author's **research**.





TODAY'S LESSON:

RESEARCH: the collecting of information about a subject.

ESSAY: an organized piece of writing on a particular subject.

PARTS OF A RESEARCH REPORT

My Essay

Intro

This is the first paragraph of my essay. I have researched night and day and mined all of the facts of the universe in order to put this together. I hope you enjoy it. Now I will attempt to add a quote to this essay. I'm not sure where I want to put it, but, here goes.

Thesis

This is the second paragraph of my essay, otherwise known as the "body" of the essay. In all actuality I am just making this up as I go. But for all intents and purposes, I will pretend to know what I am talking about. I have researched night and day and mined all of the facts of the universe in order to put this together. I hope you enjoy it. Now I will attempt to add a quote to this essay. I'm not sure where I want to put it, but, here goes.

Body

This is the last paragraph of my essay. I have researched night and day and mined all of the facts of the universe in order to put this together. I hope you enjoy it. In the words of my expert, "Now I will attempt to add a quote to this essay. I'm not sure where I want to put it, but, here goes." Okay, that wasn't so bad.

Conclusion

Introduction

Supporting Paragraphs

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INTRODUCTION

BODY PARAGRAPH

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CONCLUSION

WORDS TO KNOW

INTRODUCTION: the first paragraph of an essay, identifying the topic and stating the main idea.

- ✓ **HOOK**: a surprising or intriguing passage, idea, or image used to grab the reader's attention, usually at the beginning of a work.
- ✓ **THESIS STATEMENT**: the sentence that states the main idea of an essay. (all paragraphs support the thesis statement)

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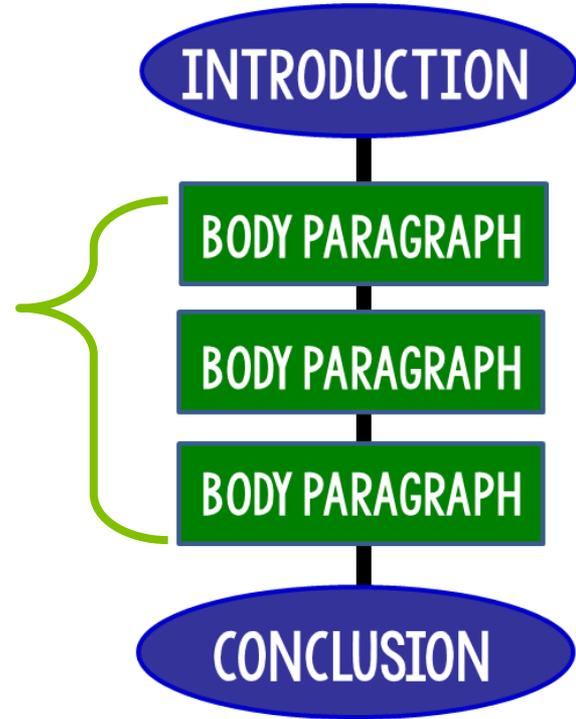
SUPPORTING PARAGRAPHS:

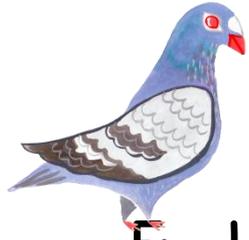
a series of paragraphs that gives information to support the thesis of an essay.

Also called “Body” paragraphs!

CONCLUSION:

the final paragraph of an essay.

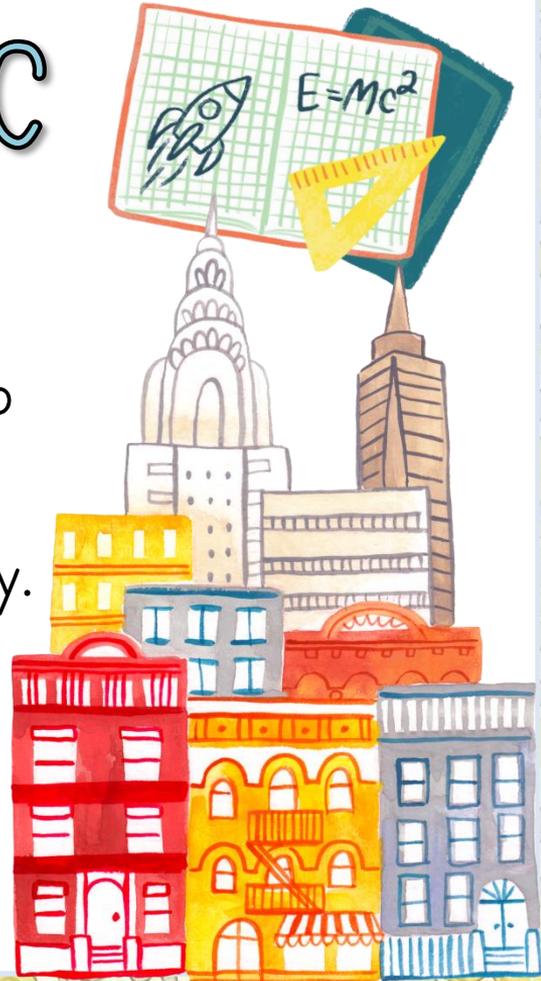




CHOOSING A TOPIC

First, brainstorm a list of possible ideas.

- ✓ Topics from your school courses that you would like to know more about.
- ✓ Topics from books you have read or authors you enjoy.
- ✓ Topics in the news.
- ✓ Famous People, Landmarks, Inventions, Places, Historical Events, Animals, or even Everyday Items!



CHOOSING A TOPIC

Then, ask yourself ...

Will I enjoy researching this topic?

Can I write objectively* on this topic?

Can I easily find information on this topic online,
in books and in other publications?

* objectively: not influenced by personal feelings or opinions.



RESEARCH TIPS



Gather information from a variety of sources.

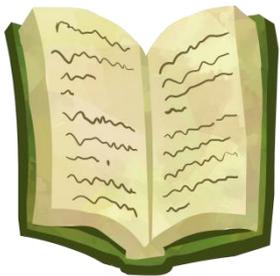
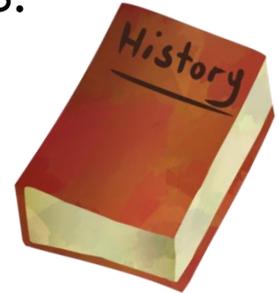
Take notes on index cards.

Make sure you document the source!

Write notes in your own words.

If copying word for word, add quotation marks.

Plan on visiting the library 2-3 times!





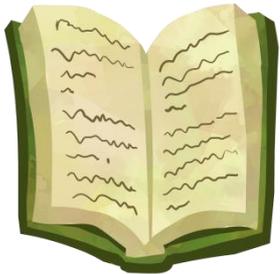
Remember to



CITE WHILE



YOU WRITE!





CITE YOUR SOURCES



Quotation marks at the beginning and end of textual evidence

Words EXACTLY as they appear in the text

“**WORDS FROM THE TEXT**”

(**LOWRY** 52).

Parenthesis at the beginning and end of citation

Author's last name

Page number

Period outside parenthesis

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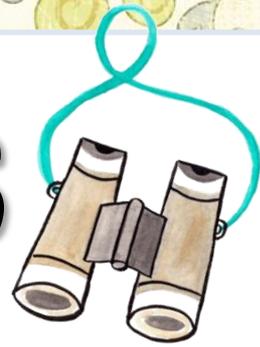
“IN-TEXT”

Use MLA Format when citing evidence (within the essay)

NOTE: The most commonly used citation style is **MLA** (Modern Language Association)



CITE YOUR SOURCES



You will also create a separate “Works Cited Page”

Model Citations

Badgers, Jane. “The Camels Are Coming.” *Arizona Highways* July 1976: 22-27. Print.

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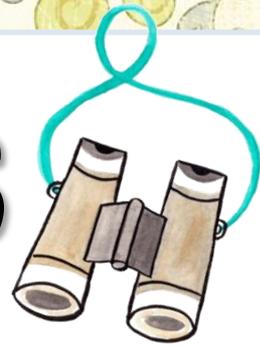
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Dagg, Anne Innis. “Camel.” *World Book Encyclopedia*. 1999. Print.

Fowler, Harlan Davey. *Three Caravans to Yuma: The Untold Story of Bactrian Camels in Western America*. Glendale: Clark, 1980. Print.



CITE YOUR SOURCES



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on your In-Text Citations...

In-Text Example:

“To help her fulfill her Slayer duties, Buffy can always turn to Giles” (DeCandido 44).

Corresponding Works Cited Entry:

DeCandido, Graceanne A. "Bibliographic Good vs. Evil in Buffy the Vampire Slayer."
American Libraries Sept. 1999: 44-47. Print.



ASSIGNMENT

- ✓ Begin working on your OLS Composition lessons (Unit 5).
- ✓ Choose a research topic you are interested in.
- ✓ Complete the weekly Google Form assignment before our next class.
- ✓ Start taking notes on your topic!

REMEMBER! MAP Testing next week.

ANY
QUESTIONS?





NICE WORK TODAY!

Now, pick your topic!