



The Research Paper

Fall 2013



Introduction

- As a part of the class each of student will complete a research project.
- The slides that follow will help to introduce you to different components of the project.
- This project will be completed in a series of steps. Students may not move forward to the next step until they have completed the previous one.
- The final project will be submitted at the end of the semester.
- Project may be done alone or with a partner



The Proposal

- Fill out Project Approval form
 - Develop a proposal for topic
 - Must be somewhat unique – i.e. we need variety in the class
 - 8 people can't be doing almost the same project
 - See list of examples in packet for ideas, or come up with your own.
 - Fill out sheet
 - Choose a partner (if you so desire)
 - Choose wisely – you both get the same grade. If your partner does not do his/her part, you are still responsible for the project.
 - Get everything approved and signed by instructor



Components

- Abstract
- Literature Review
- Procedure
- Data
- Conclusion/Data Analysis
- Appendix (optional)
- Works Cited



Abstract (1 page)

- A brief summary of your project
- Identifies the question to be answered
- Defines commonly used terms in your research
- Explains how your research can be used in future studies
- Complete after you are finished with your project.



Literature Review (3-5 pages)

- Uses the work of others to set a foundation for your research
- Use of primary sources is vital (must have 3 for your project)
- OK to use research that may have conflicting results/viewpoints
- Use proper citation format
- Will submit Annotated Bibliography evaluating sources used separately
- Places to get sources:
 - ERIC database
 - Scholarly journals
 - Other researchers' literature reviews & works cited
 - See separate ppt. on Lit review



Procedure (2-3 pages)

- How was your research conducted?
 - Must be conducted OUTSIDE of school.
 - Must get permission to conduct research from place where you are planning to do it (if applicable). Ex: Must get permission from Abercrombie if you plan on handing out surveys there.
- What materials were used?
- Use detail!!
- Activity: Evaluate Procedure Examples and Guided Reading

BY READING YOUR REPORT CAN YOUR EXACT RESEARCH BE DUPLICATED?



Data (2-3 pages)

- Report the raw data
 - Use pet survey and data
- Do not analyze data or report any conclusions in this section
- Write data in paragraph form



Conclusion/Data Analysis (2-3 pages)

- What can you deduce from your data?
- What variables may have affected your results?
- Are these results consistent with research from others? Why or why not? (use literature review)



Appendix (optional)

- Place to add your extras
 - Charts
 - Graphs
 - Surveys
 - Permission forms



Works Cited (1-2 pages)

- Allows reader to look up your information
- Use proper MLA style
- On a separate page
- List sources alphabetically
- Use hanging indents
- Help with Citations:
 - <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/01/>
 - <http://citationmachine.net/iPad/index.php?micromode=mla>
 - The SVHS writing lab.