



The Research Paper

How to put your parts together

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What to do?

- You already have almost all (if not all) of the parts for a research paper
- All you need to do is put your revised parts in order and make sure they flow smoothly with each transition



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A Research Paper can have the following parts:

- Title
- Abstract
- Introduction
- Literature Review
- Methodology
- Results
- Conclusion

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The Abstract

- This is the 100-250 word concise summary of your work
- It can have keywords at the end
- It is usually the 1st thing people read

Research Paper Over-View

The Introduction

- This is where you will put your thesis
- You can put a 'road map' for people to follow your paper easier
- You need to hook your reader here
- Remember to focus on 'Who Cares?' and 'So What?'

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The Literature Review

- This is used to establish that you have read the current literature in the field and that you can connect the work in analysis and synthesis to this field
- Make sure you give proper in-text citations
- Try to use up-to-date information from peer reviewed sources

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The Methodology

- This is just a fancy word for “How did you look and gather your information or data.”
- You have two basic “types” of methodology
 - Quantitative (Numbers and Statistical studies)
 - Qualitative (Usually based on story or report).
- Explain what you did and why you did it.

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The Results

- What did you find out?
- Put the results into a narrative form
- Tell your audience as if you were explaining to someone in person
- Use your data to back up your words
- Is it what you expected? Why or why not?
- Did anyone have the same results as you in a study?
Why might yours be the same or different?

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The Conclusion

- Usually the 2nd thing anyone reads when scanning for research readings
- Should restate the thesis
- Only have what was discussed in the paper
- Can include a brief bit on where the research can go in the future

Methodology

For further information:

- A good link to see an easy example is here:
https://owl.english.purdue.edu/media/pdf/20090212013008_560.pdf