INTEGRATING RESEARCH IN A PSYCHOLOGY RESEARCH PAPER
INFORMATION LITERACY, PART II
PSYC 314.01: STATISTICS & RESEARCH METHODS II
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WHAT IS YOUR RESEARCH QUESTION?

1. STATE the research question clearly.
2. EXPLAIN the importance of the question.
3. EXPLAIN WHY it is valuable to research the question.
4. RETURN TO THE RESEARCH QUESTION to make sure you are answering the question.
5. VERIFY THAT THE EVIDENCE you are providing is focused on the research question.

WRITING THE INTRODUCTION

Introduce your research question to the audience (academic/professional).

1. EXPLAIN WHY the value of the investigation.
2. JUSTIFY THE IMPORTANCE of researching this question.
3. Remember that you are contributing valuable information to current scholarship by adding your comments and observations supported by the information from authoritative sources.

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BODY OF THE RESEARCH PAPER

PARAGRAPH 1
Searching and Preparing Information from Authoritative Sources

SUBTOPIC A:

- Keywords, search terms, and phrases:

Sources

- In-text citations:

- Reference citations

SUBTOPIC B:

- Keywords, search terms, and phrases:

Sources

- In-text citations:

- Reference citations

Note: All in-text citations must have a reference citation at the end of the paper.
PARAGRAPH 1
Introduce Supporting Evidence that Answers the Research Question

WRITING

1. **STATE** the information based on information from a scholarly source.
2. **DRAW** conclusions, make inferences, or suggest implications based on empirical data.
3. **CLARIFY** the statement by giving specific examples/illustrations.
4. **DISTINGUISH** concepts and findings. Give examples with empirical data.
5. **EMPHASIZE** a point by highlighting a specific situation.
6. **IDENTIFY** a gap in the research. Comment on this.
7. **IDENTIFY** a weakness or limitation in the research. Comment on this.
8. **CONCLUDE** or end the paragraph by summarizing the main ideas.

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Credit Sources

1. **In-text citations** appear in the text of the research paper.
2. **Reference citations** appear in a list of the references used in a paper.
3. The list of references appears at the end of the paper.
4. Refer to the Purdue OWL APA Sample Paper as a guide.
5. Both in-text citations and reference citations must appear in your paper.
6. **CHECK THE FORMATTING, PUNCTUATION, AND CAPITALIZATION!**
**TRANSITIONING FROM ONE PARAGRAPH TO THE NEXT**

Remember to connect the ideas in the preceding paragraph to those in the next paragraph.

1. Use transitional words or connecting phrases to transition smoothly.
2. *One idea should flow smoothly to the next so that the reader can appreciate your contributions.*
3. Refer to the handout on templates on presenting information and data from authoritative sources.
4. Create a list of the phrases/templates you might use in your paper to introduce information from scholarly sources.
5. Write some phrases you might want to use below:

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**PARAGRAPH 2**

**Searching and Preparing Information from Authoritative Sources**

**SUBTOPIC A:**

1. Keywords, search terms, and phrases:

2. Comments and observations:

   *Sources*

   1. In-text citations:

   2. Reference citations

**SUBTOPIC B:**

1. Keywords, search terms, and phrases:

2. Comments and observations:

   *Sources*

   1. In-text citations:

   2. Reference citations
Introduce Supporting Evidence that Answers the Research Question

**BEGIN WITH A TRANSITION!**

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- **USE** a transitional phrase or word.

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Paragraph 3
Searching and Preparing Information from Sources

Subtopic A:

- Keywords, search terms, and phrases:
- Comments and observations:
  Sources
- In-text citations:
- Reference citations

Subtopic B:

- Keywords, search terms, and phrases:
- Comments and observations:
  Sources
- In-text citations:
- Reference citations
BEGIN WITH A TRANSITION!

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- USE a transitional phrase or word.

1. STATE the information based on information from a scholarly source.
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5. Both in-text citations and reference citations must appear in your paper.
6. **CHECK THE FORMATTING, PUNCTUATION, AND CAPITALIZATION OF ALL IN-TEXT AND REFERENCE CITATIONS!**

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**WRITING THE DISCUSSION**

1. **EXPLAIN** the results.  
   a. Did they support the hypothesis?

2. **COMPARE** results to previous studies. 
   a. Consider whether they were they similar or different. Explain why.

3. **DISCUSS** the limitations.

4. **PRESENT the conclusions.**  
   a. Discuss possible implications for future directions in research.

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**Reference Citations in APA Style**

1. Check all the APA reference citations using the APA online tutorials.
2. APA online tutorials are listed in the Psychology Research Guide on the library website.
3. The reference list will list sources in alphabetical order.
4. Use the **Purdue OWL APA Style Sample Paper** as a guide.
5. All in-text citations must have reference citations at the end of the paper. 
6. **Check formatting, punctuation, and capitalization!**

**References**


