

Steps for Writing Research

1. Select a title

The title is very important if you want to make a good impression on your readers because it's the first thing that they see. It forms their view on what exactly they should expect in your paper .

- The title should not be interesting to you only, but to other readers
- The title should not be too long, Check the difference:

-The suffer of women that appears in Thomas Hardy`s Selected novels
-Women in Thomas Hardy`s Return of the Native

- The title should be narrow, direct and specific
check the difference between:

-Romantic Touches in Modern Literature
-Romantic Touches in William Wordsworth`s Lucy

2- Thesis Statement

It is the summary of the purpose of your writing, it is the questions that you try to answer through writing. Preparing a thesis can organize your research because it will guide your investigation and will help you stay focused on your subject. Your thesis statement should be concise , like:

Women are used as tools in patriarchal society. Their suffering are various from slavery to abuse

3- Researching

It includes looking for sources either in secondary, related indirectly to the topic or primary, or in main sources. This stage includes: taking notes, documenting your sources and selecting citation (APA, MLA, etc.). It's a must to cite all sources that you used for quoting, paraphrasing, and summarizing to avoid plagiarism. Be accurate in taking notes and keep the following from any source :

Title of the article or book

- Date it was published or copy written
- Author(s) and publishing company
- Pages used

4- Outline

Arrange your ideas in outline or roadmap. Select the key points that support the thesis statement. The subheadings should be arranged in an outline to be covered through writing: check this sample:

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introduction
chapter one
Thomas Hardy as a man and a writer
1.1 Thomas Hardy as a man
1.2 Thomas Hardy as a writer
Chapter two
Women in his Writing
1.1 Women Abuse
1.2 Women Slavery
Conclusion.
References or works cited

4- Writing the First Draft

you need to write an introduction, body paragraphs, and a conclusion. These are the main parts of your paper. You can delete unnecessary details. In this stage you can determine a list the keywords that present the topic of your paper.

5- Conclusion

Most research papers end with restating their thesis statements. You can also do it, but you shouldn't repeat it word for word. Paraphrase it or summarize the key points of your paper. You may emphasize the significance of your findings as well. A good idea is to provide some recommendations based on the results of your investigation or suggest some directions for further research.