

Objectives : Recognizing the distinctive attribute of academic research papers

## Definition

A research paper is type of academic writing that in-depth analyze, interpret or/ and evaluate a single topic based on empirical evidences. It is frequently assigned to undergraduates, postgraduates (i.e. a class assignment or a dissertation) as well as doctorate students (i.e. an article or a thesis) to fulfil the requirements of degree program at the university or college. Or, simply, to exhibit scholarship ( i.e. demonstrate students' competencies and skills) , for it provides insights to the students' ability to investigate in a certain aspects of the subject matter. And it is useful and efficient method of gathering and presenting information, too. Nevertheless, a research paper is not merely:

1. a collection of facts on given topic;
2. a summary of information from source material;
3. a report of what others have said;

non-effective  
research paper

**Check Meaning of** 4. or, an **expository** or **descriptive** piece of writing.

But, it is rather an analytical and persuasive essay that argues, presents and evaluates **a thesis** so as to convince readers with the validity of the writer's argument. Respectively, a good research paper should:

1. remain tightly focus on its thesis
2. show deep understanding to the topic;
3. reflect wide reading to the source materials used;
4. acknowledge oppositions for arguing thesis validity,;
5. use prospectively a standard written English;
6. be well-supported by solid , persuasive facts, and examples,
7. cite and document references appropriately;
8. be organized cohesively, coherently and formally sequential,
9. can be easily verifiable.
10. and, display authenticity and originality.

## Effective Research Paper



In sense, a research paper does not differ immensely from the kinds of essay writing you have been doing throughout your course of study. Except that, it protrudes in its formal treatment, academic requirements and qualifications, significant characteristics and distinctive features. As well as, its typical length that ranges from five to hundreds of pages long. In this respect, a research paper requires students and academics to:

1. precisely thematize the research topic,
2. thoroughly research the topic under investigation,
3. logically outline key points and related concepts,
4. accurately write the gathered facts and information,
5. and, rigorously proofread its final draft before submission. .

Steps to ace a  
researcher paper

## Analyze & apply

What qualities of an effective research paper did not the supervisee comply to according to her supervisor? And how could she amend her researcher paper accordingly?

### Supervisor's Remark:

1. Justify paragraph 2 (p20) .
2. The abstract's words choice lack precision.
3. The argument of your thesis is rather subjective.

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