

The Craft of Research

P1-14 Summary

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Prologue

- Value reliable research reported clearly and accurately
- Book will help to create and execute a plan for doing research.
- Work with a plan
 - Prepare and conduct research
 - Draft your paper
- Book outline
 - Part I: Why we research
 - Part II: How to frame and develop research
 - Part III: How to assemble a sound case in support of your claim
 - Part IV: Lay out steps to produce paper
- Chapters will have “Quick Tips” with practical advice

Chapter 1: Thinking in Print

- Chapter defines research, discusses benefits of learning to research well, and why valuing it is important

What is Research?

- Gathered Information to answer a question that solves a problem.
- Your research may help future people with similar questions.

Why Write It?

- You write to remember information you read
 - Mass information is difficult to retain
 - Writing notes is a helpful tool to use
- Write to see larger patterns in what you read
 - Make connections, discover new implications, understand your thinking
- Write to improve your work
 - seeing your ideas and thoughts can help you find flaws in your thinking
 - Peer-reviews and teachers can give also give you extra insight

Why a Formal Paper?

- Help change the way you think / Gives you more ways to think
- Deepening your education through research can change the “you” that you want to be
- When writing for others, you demand more from yourself
 - You can find mistakes in your writing
 - Understand yourself better
 - Discover new insights by being critical of your work

Writing is Thinking

- If you write a paper you are passionate about, it will make it even better
- Others can take your research and expand upon it