

Research Overview Handout

What is research and why do I need it?

Research is the process by which we find answers to questions. Good research begins with a question. Research is needed to gain knowledge of, or supplement a lack of knowledge on, a specific topic. Many topics you choose to write on may have a large amount of information that you are unaware of and that cannot be found without research.

What are the different styles of documentation and citation?

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