

More Research Paper Strategies

- Start by presenting and summarizing your sources
 - Badke: describe then analyze (p. 213)
 - Summaries: [Columbia University guide](#)
 - Paraphrasing: [Purdue OWL](#)
- Avoid excessive quotation
 - I need to hear your voice and thoughts!

Even More Research Paper Strategies

- Finally, analyze your sources in light of your research question
 - And arrive at conclusions
 - Was your research question answered?
 - Do you have any recommendations?
 - Conclusions do not need to be long!

General Writing Advice

- Omit needless words
- No use of first or second person “I” “We” “You” “Yours” etc.
- Spellcheck and proofread; watch your Initial Caps, and, commas
- Purdue [OWL](#) for almost any writing question
- Lastname of author only in text references
- “it is” “that is” NOT it’s, that’s

Documentation: methods and styles for practices and processes

How does process documentation work?

- Begin with a plan or a need
 - Hooking up a DVD player to your TV, building a website for a client
- Perform the process
 - Hook up the DVD player! Build the website!
- Document the process
 - What did you do? How did you do it?

Documentation methods

- In print:
 - Manuals, instruction sheets, handouts, etc.
- Electronically and/or online:
 - Blogs, wikis, collaborative text tools, video, audio, multimedia, etc.
- Your examples?

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Discussion: The practical applications of documentation; process documentation

Assignment: Find one example of process documentation in any format, read it, and **write one blog post** in which you describe, summarize and critique it. **Be prepared to discuss your example in class!**

Reading: Edge, “[Write it down! The importance of documentation](#)”

Robinson, “[Documentation Dilemmas](#)”