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Expository Writing

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Main Title is Centered on First Page of Paper

 Headings/subheadings are used in research papers to help organize your information and act as a guide for your reader. The two main “first-level” headings are the Main Title and the Works Cited. Notice that they are both centered on the page, on the top margin. There are many ways to use headings in research papers, but I would like you to use the following simplified format. You will start your paper with an introduction. Like all other introductions you introduce the topic, give some background information and end with your thesis statement. Your introduction should be at least 7 sentences. No quotes necessary! Notice that your indents are 5 spaces – you will follow all other MLA formatting – and the page numbering begins on this page. Also notice that there are no ‘extra’ spaces between heading sections. The whole paper is double spaced.

COMMON THEORIES

 The next level heading below the Main Heading (Title) is the SECOND LEVEL HEADING (or, subtopics). The heading is formatted in all caps; please do not bold. These are the main sections in which your paper is divided. The length of this section must be at least one paragraph (7+ sentences). Of course, you can have as many paragraphs as you need per section.

 Please note that in order to include these divisions in your paper, if you have one SUBHEADING, you must have TWO. In the same way, if you have one SUB-SUBHEADING, you must have TWO. Let’s see what that looks like.

*The Rock Theory*

 These headings are your sub-subtopic headings. If your second level heading is COMMON THEORIES, one of your third level headings might be *The Rock Theory*; the 2nd might be *The Paper Theory;* the 3rd might be *The Scissors Theory.*

*The Paper Theory*

 This is also a sub-subtopic heading. Each one of your subheadings must have at least one paragraph full of information that you wish to report on. You would include a lot more information than I am writing here to complete this sub-subheading.

*The Scissors Theory*

 This is my last sub-subtopic heading of this section. As with all of the paragraphs, at least two quotes is needed per 7+ sentence paragraph.

SIGNIFICANT EXPLORERS

 This is my second SUBTOPIC – remember, if you introduce one subtopic, you need at least one more in your paper. I’m just going to list my potential sub-subtopic headings below – keeping in mind that you would have all your research information and commentary to fill in! I can just use two sub-subtopics – no need to use three just because I used three in the first section.

*Jean Prudhomme*

 Significant info here.

*White More*

 Significant info here.

CONCLUSION

 Now, your conclusion does not include any subtopics. It is simply a wrap-up, an overview of your whole research paper. You restate your topic and why it is important; restate your thesis statement using ‘other’ words; end with a closing thought without introducing any new ideas. This paragraph should also be 7+ sentences. No quotes necessary!

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