

Suggested Writing Schedule

- a paper with research needed -

Use sticky notes when brainstorming ideas and move notes around for an effective order.



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Step 1

Brainstorm topics and points. Check these with your teacher. Arrange points into an effective order. Create a flexible thesis statement (main idea) for readers.

Step 2

Research. Keep track of notes on separate pages: appearance, habitat, food, and enemies, for a paper on an animal, for example.
List all sources and their information.

Step 3

Write the paragraphs of the body.
Use strong, clear topic sentences. Rearrange paragraphs (points) as needed.

Step 4

Write an introductory paragraph to capture your reader's attention. Put your main idea from Step 1 at the end of the introduction. If it does not coordinate with your paragraphs, adjust it.

Step 5

Write a conclusion to give readers food for thought. Put all paragraphs together. Create a works-cited page or check your in-text citations.

Step 6

Read your paper OUT LOUD. Make any changes necessary in grammar, punctuation, or how you expressed your ideas (content).

Step 7

Read your paper one more time. Make changes as necessary. Hand in the corrected copy.

Tutorials

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