**ENG 4C - ISU Research Report**

Learning Goal: I will implement my research report writing skills while improving my ability to incorporate quotations.

**Topic Question:**

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| **Preliminary Material** | * Title Page of Report |
| * Summary (also known as an *abstract* or *synopsis*) This is a concise summary of your main findings |
| * Introduction paragraph – this is where you tell your reader what you researched and why… * State the topic questions, provide background, and briefly state the subject matter you will write about in your findings/stance. |
| **Body of Report** | * Findings Paragraphs – You should aim for 4 paragraphs. This is where you discuss what evidence you have to support what you are demonstrating to your reader. * It is a good idea to include a paragraph that focuses on the opposite point of view. Once you have acknowledged this other point of view, explain why this perspective does not have as much support. By doing this, you let the reader know that the conclusions you make are well-informed and not just one-sided. * You should implement subheadings to ensure clarity |
| **Wrap-Up and supplementary Material** | * Conclusion – This is a summary of your intentions and results/findings * Tell your reader what conclusions about your topic you have come to as a result of studying this questions |
| * Recommendations - This recommendation is your opportunity to discuss **your thoughts** on your topic question. What is **your opinion** of the subject? Consider what audience this question is directed at and what further research could be done to expand your topic even further. |
| * Work(s) Cited/Bibliography page outlining references |
| **Extras!** | * Subheadings – don’t forget to organize your research paper with subheadings. They should give the reader an idea of what they are going to read next! |

**First Draft Intro Paragraph:**

**In-text Citations**

Time to move away from the stand-alone quotes! You should incorporate your quotes into a wider sentenceWhenever you include information that you got anywhere besides your own brain, you have to cite it. After you write a sentence containing a fact from a website, insert the authorʼs name *or* article title *or* website name (whichever comes first in your Works Cited Entry) within parentheses.

**Example:**

**The Perdue *OWL* is accessed by millions of users every year. Its “MLA Formatting and Style Guide” is one**

**of the most popular resources (Stolley et al.).**