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Research Paper

- 5 pages; 3 sources
- THEORY
- Summarize articles
- Cohesion & Flow
- Proper Grammar
ELEMENTS OF APA STYLE

Headers, Title Page, Abstract, Citations & Reference page
CITE OFTEN THROUGHOUT YOUR PAPER. PAPERS SUBMITTED WITHOUT CITATIONS AND/OR A REFERENCE LIST FAIL.
WRITING STYLE

Summary-Response format
SUMMARY-RESPONSE FORMAT

Reaction vs. Response
ORGANIZATION: SUMMARY

Blank sheet: What can you remember?

Organize: Main ideas

Make a list: Points of evidence
Think: How does this relate (to the theory/other texts)?

Make a list: What is your evidence?

Topic Sentence
PARAPHRASING, SUMMARIZING & QUOTING

Know the difference among these three.

Summarizing & Quoting: APA documentation

Blending quotes + Personal experience (anecdotal evidence)
TONE

Maintain a formal tone in your research paper
Tips:

Avoid “I” and all forms of “you”

Avoid slang, clichés and colloquial expressions.

Pretend that you are speaking to a person of authority.
PROOFREADING & REVISION

• **Grammar:** Worry about this last, but don’t forget to do this step.

• **Presentation is equally important as content.**

• **Helpful Tips:**
  o Read your paper out loud.
  o Correct on a PRINTED copy.
  o Utilize writing tutors in our Tutoring Center (room 174)
TUTORING FOR WRITING

- **Blount Tutoring Center (Room 174) →** Schedule posted in Library Guide
- **Tutoring Center @ Hardin Valley on Saturdays**
- **ASCATUTOR:** Free online service Sunday-Friday
  - Must submit Assignment Directions **AND** your draft
  - Feedback within 24-36 hours
  - No editing or proofreading – they are there to help with elements of composition
  - Can submit a draft a maximum of THREE times
- **Email your file (.doc or .docx) AND directions to** [ascatutor@pstcc.edu](mailto:ascatutor@pstcc.edu)
  **NO ONEDRIVE or GoogleDocs**
A WORD ON PLAGIARISM
CHECKING YOUR GRADE

ASSIGNMENT (DROPBOX) COMMENTS

TURNITIN GRADEMARK
Final Notes

Submit **ONE** cohesive document.

Assignments closes **AT** class time.

Use the correct document format.

**NO SECOND CHANCES**
REFERENCES


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