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INTRODUCTION

What is the problem/issue? Keep the introduction brief, but do indicate the purpose of the paper as well as present appropriate background. Make sure that the reader knows enough to appreciate the relevance of the issue and why it is appropriate to ask the question that you will address with your paper. State what angle is going to be explored and arrange key issues that will be addressed in this review by answering questions that you have personally developed and are tailored to fit your topic.

Typical length 2-4 paragraphs.

LITERATURE REVIEWED

This section is a summary of information, references and research that has been published about your particular subject. It provides the reader with an idea about the current situation in terms of what has been done, and what we know. Sometimes it includes suggestions about what needs to be done to increase the knowledge and understanding of a particular problem.

This is the longest section of your essay and will range from one to several pages.

CONCLUSION

Effectively wraps up the review. Summarize the points of comparison or contrast among the works based on information and literature reviewed. It should also provide insight of relationship between the topic of the review and a larger area of study such as a specific discipline or profession

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LITERATURE CITED

Literature citations in the body of your paper should be in parentheses and contain only the author's last name and the date; for multiple authors include the last name of the first author, et al., and the date. If the author's name is used in the text then just the date in parentheses is sufficient. For example:

(Monod, 1949) (Neidhardt et al., 1990) or Monod (1949) compared the reaction..... List all literature cited in your report in alphabetical order by the last name of the first author in a separate section. Use the proper form for citations. If the citation is to a specific page add the page number. For a technical paper you will need to review several sources. **For this essay a minimum of four citations is required.**

Examples:

For scientific papers:

Monod, J. 1949. The growth of bacterial cultures. *Annu. Rev. Microbiol.* 3:371-394.

For a book:

Neidhardt, F.C, Ingraham, J.L. and. Schaechter, M. 1990. *Physiology of the Bacterial Cell*. Sinauer Associates, Sunderland, MA.

For a newspaper article:

McKay, D. 2000. Arsenic: how much is safe? *Albuquerque Journal*. July 30, 2000, p. A1.

For a web site:

National Research Council. 1999. Arsenic in drinking water. Subcommittee on Arsenic in Drinking Water. <http://www4.nationalacademies.org/news.nsf/isbn/030906337?OpenDocument>.

For a personal communication:

Sanchez, R. 1993. City of Socorro, Water Utilities Division, Socorro, NM. Personal communication.