

Research Paper: Notes Sheet

Research/Essay Question:

Grabber:

What is interesting about this question? Grab your readers with an interesting fact, quote, or point that might make them curious about this topic.

Introduce topic/provide background context

Working Thesis:

What was your answer to the research question? What will you have to research?

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Research Review

Find 5 articles about your thesis and list the relevant facts from each one.

1. According to (author/source) _____ (date _____) the main idea about this article is

List the facts from the article that support this idea

Fact 1 _____

Fact 2 _____

Fact 3 _____

Fact 4 _____

Fact 5 _____

(You may add more facts as you find them.)

In conclusion _____ says _____

_____ about the topic.

2. Another idea by (author/source) _____ (date _____) is

List the facts from the article that support this idea

Fact 1 _____

Fact 2 _____

Fact 3 _____

Fact 4 _____

Fact 5 _____

(You may add more facts as you find them.)

In conclusion _____ says _____

_____ about the topic.

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3. A third writer, _____ (date _____) states that _____

_____.

List the facts from the article that support this idea

Fact 1 _____

Fact 2 _____

Fact 3 _____

Fact 4 _____

Fact 5 _____

(You can add more facts as you find them.)

The third author concludes that _____

_____.

4. A fourth source, _____ (date _____) states that _____

_____.

List the facts from the article that support this idea

Fact 1 _____

Fact 2 _____

Fact 3 _____

Fact 4 _____

Fact 5 _____

(You can add more facts as you find them.)

This author concludes that _____

_____.

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5. Yet another idea, from _____ (date _____) is that _____

List the facts from the article that support this idea

Fact 1 _____

Fact 2 _____

Fact 3 _____

Fact 4 _____

Fact 5 _____

(You can add more facts as you find them.)

This author concludes that _____

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Research Analysis

I found (how many) _____ main idea(s) about (your thesis) _____.

List the main idea(s)

Explain how the ideas are different or the same, and how they support your thesis.

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Conclusion

What is your answer to the research question? (*Restate your thesis*).

The most likely explanation seems to be that (*give the important ideas from your research that support your thesis*) _____

Concluding remark that ends the paper.

References

*Citation style will depend on instructor's directions (APA, MLA, etc.).

****DO NOT PLAGIARIZE! CITE ALL YOUR RESEARCH AND OUTSIDE MATERIALS YOU USED IN YOUR PAPER!**