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Research Paper Scaffold

Research Question

Hook

What is interesting about this question? Hook your readers with an interesting fact that might make them curious about this topic.

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Literature Review

Find five articles about your topic and list the relevant facts from each one.

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

_____.

List facts from the source that support this idea

1. fact _____

2. fact _____

3. fact _____

4. fact _____

5. fact _____

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

In conclusion _____ says _____

_____ about the topic.

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

_____.

1. fact _____

2. fact _____

3. fact _____

4. fact _____

5. fact _____

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

In conclusion _____ says _____

_____ states that _____

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

_____.

1. fact _____

2. fact _____

3. fact _____

4. fact _____

5. fact _____

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

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Literature Review (continued)

The third author concludes that _____

_____.

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

_____.

- 1. fact _____
- 2. fact _____
- 3. fact _____
- 4. fact _____
- 5. fact _____

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

This author concludes that _____

_____.

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

_____.

- 1. fact _____
- 2. fact _____
- 3. fact _____
- 4. fact _____
- 5. fact _____

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

This author concludes that _____

_____.

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Analysis

I found (*how many*) _____ main idea/s about (*name your topic*) _____:

List main idea/s _____

Explain how the ideas are different or the same.

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Original Research

How would you test the idea you think makes the most sense?

In order to test the ideas about *(your topic)* _____ this researcher will
(describe a suitable way to test your ideas: survey, experiment, model, interview, etc.) _____

Results: *(What happened?)*

List your results. You can attach a table, chart, or list of findings. _____

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Conclusion

What is your answer to the question? (*Give the facts that support your point.*)

The most likely explanation seems to be that _____

References

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