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Research and Writing
A Review of the Basics
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Structure of the Paper

- Title
- Abstract
- Introduction
- Review of the Literature
- Topics/Questions/Hypotheses
- Research Methods
- Research Findings and Discussion
- Conclusions!
- Future Directions
- Reference List/Bibliography
Structuring Bibliographic Research

- The 7 steps of topic analysis (aka the 7 pillars of bibliographic wisdom):
  - Systems and serendipity
  - Topic identification and description
  - Search vocabulary: the key(words) to the kingdom
  - Truncation – know your symbols!??*#
  - Call numbers – know your addresses
  - Search documentation – track your sources
  - Search documentation – cite your sources
  - Document assessment – know (and be able to defend) your sources
Making Friends with The UCSB Library

- General navigation and neat stuff on the top page
- Subject-specialist Librarians – your new best friends
- “How to "Guides – quick answers to important questions
- Significant/important/interesting/helpful databases (and how to get there)
Questions? Suggestions!

• Any questions?

• Suggestions (aka Assignment)
  • “Go” to the library or logon from home
  • Identify “your” librarian
  • Find one book on your topic
  • Identify a relevant database
  • Find one article on your topic