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Last BCW Summary

This is the last summary write up for the book titled, "The Craft of Research", written by Wayne C. Booth, Gregory G. Colomb, and Joseph M. Williams. Ultimately this book has provided a great insight into research and has been unexpectedly valuable throughout the semester. Given, as I am one of the few students writing a research paper this book has proven to be useful. This is just quick write-up summarizing the rest of the book and the bits of information I found useful.

Starting in Chapter 12, the authors start by describing how all plans are not the same when it comes to structuring a research paper. The rules are as follows:

1. Do not organize your report as a narrative of your thinking.
2. Do not assemble your work as a patchwork of your sources.
3. Do not map your report directly onto the language of your assignment.

I found this to be interesting because I violate very often rules one and three. It's an odd issue because ever since grade school I've received good marks for writing assignments. Early on, I found that I got the best grade when I mirrored the language *exactly* as it was found in the prompt. I realize now, that is not the best framework to approach an academic research paper. I also very often believe that readers do want a step by step approach to my analysis. I can see now why people might find that annoying. This was a valuable chapter to read.

At the end of the book, they dive deeply into the ethics of proper research. This section really made me think how important it is to be a person with integrity if you're into research. So

many innovations in the world had to have come about through the honesty of people. Ultimately, by keeping a strong sense of right and wrong when it comes to your research. You will be holding the credibility of researchers high in the public eye.

These were some of the most important parts of the book for me. I enjoyed the reading and plan to keep the book as a reference as I go into grad school.