

Writing Tips Part 2



Soc Sci 172AW

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educational opportunities, and **views of**
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Parallel Construction

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- All grammatical constructions in a sentence should match.

This includes:

- Verb tenses
- Subject
- Parts of speech

Parallel construction fixed

Women benefited from **increaseded literacy rates**, **expandeded educational opportunities**, and **improveded views** of women's moral capabilities

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Passive voice

Active voice

- When possible, eliminate “to be” verbs (is, be, am, are, become, became, was, were).
- Examples
 - This is important for my argument → Its importance stems from
 - I am arguing that racial inequality → I argue that racial inequality
 - Jim Crow laws were instituted → States in the south instituted Jim Crow laws

What is wrong with this picture?

Section 4

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Paraphrasing

Conciseness

- Wordy phrasing
 - The point I am trying to make → My point is
 - On the opposite of → opposes
- Redundant words
 - Current country we live in today
 - Permanent feature for years to come
- Repeating of subjects
 - In “Lynching Our National Crime” by Ida B. Wells, she argues
 - In “Lynching Our National Crime,” Ida B. Wells argues

Citing material

- What to cite?
 - Direct quotes
 - Paraphrase
 - IDEAS
- Purpose of works cited page?