

How to Write Good Research Papers

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(No matter who you are)

Group work

Choose a paragraph from the web page

<http://christozzi.com/writing.html>

In your group, make a list of at least three ways in which the writing in that paragraph could be improved, as well as three strengths of the paragraph in its current form.

Why care about writing?

- Writing helps you process your own ideas.
- Writing helps you learn to make arguments.
- Writing applies to all disciplines.

Why care about writing?

- Writing is the most marketable skill most of you will learn from history courses.
 - People judge you based on your writing.
 - Good writing makes you look smart!
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- Language is the house of being.

Why care about writing?

- Most importantly: Good writing helps you succeed in online dating.

Caveat

Prescriptive vs. descriptive grammar

What's wrong with these sentences?

You're professor said, "your writing is poor".

The student didn't do their homework.

I go to the store and I bought milk.

I can't hardly believe how much money I make. Because I am a great writer.

I was suppose to do my Blackboard quiz, I forgot.

The Haitian Revolution effected the United States.

Writing well insures that you will do great things in life.

I advice you to pay attention!

That's OK, I'm already a good writer.

I got a C in the class; because I did not pay attention to the writing lesson.

Did you catch my illusion to the Bible?

Determined to make their flight on time they rose at dawn.

According to one source, it costs almost twice an employees salary to recruit and train a replacement.

The authoritarian school changed its cell phone policy, which many students resisted.

Every where she walked, she was reminded of him.

"A woman must have money and a room of her own if she is to write fiction", Virginia Woolf argues.

Many children, of working parents, walk home from school by themselves.

This social scourge can be seen in urban centers, and in rural outposts.

Financial Aid is a pressing concern for many Students.

The information that families have access to is what financial aid is available and thinking about the classes available, and how to register.

David who loved to read history was the first to head to the British Library.

Martin searched for a great horned owl. He takes photographs of all the birds he sights.

Miranda drove her brother and her mother waited at home.

Repeated viral infections compromise doctors immune systems.

The chef lifted the skillet off it's hook. Its a fourteen-inch, copper skillet.

The house was flooded with light, the moon rose above the horizon.

The students rushed the field, they tore down the goalposts.

Every guest left their shoes at the door.

"Social networks are intricate things of beauty" (Christakis and Fowler xiii). Maintaining close friendships is good for your health.

This article describes eighteenth century theater.

The dealers want to buy-back the computers and refurbish them.

The American colonists resisted British taxation. And started the American Revolution.

Notes to future self

I saved sample passages for this week's exercises in
~/Dropbox/2015/Howard teaching 2015/Intro to History Writing
Samples.odt

If you need more ideas for activities for this week, refer to the Course
Redesign worksheets in Google Drive/HU Teach. I only ended up having
class once this week, so I designed only one day's worth of lessons