

Information

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What is Research?

As a student of Saugus High School, you are personally involved in gathering facts, finding examples, and organizing ideas on a daily basis. A research paper begins much the same way but involves using quotations and ideas from other writers interwoven with your own ideas. The main goal of a research paper starts when an individual is curious about something. The student then sets out to find information and answers through different sources. Through this "searching adventure," you naturally begin to formulate original thoughts and genuine feelings toward a subject matter.

How do I Start?

Research is a cyclical process. The entire process is designed to make the actual writing of your report easier. The more you complete at each step, the easier the following steps become. Here is an approach to getting you started on a research paper:

RESEARCH

Meaningful research projects start with a personal desire to "know." If you are not sure, think about the subjects you have studied in school, materials you have read, and television or movies you have seen for inspiration.

OUTLINING

Personalize the information by considering a new twist on your

What else do I need to know?
Look gaps in your information and go back and research for further information.



INFORMATION

Research the subject using primary and secondary sources. Talk with people about your subject and use the variety of available resources (Internet, magazines, encyclopedias,

UNDERSTANDING

After taking notes from a source, reflect on the information gathered and evaluate the importance of the new information to your search in writing.