

BMCC MAT100.122 Project Revision

This is the second step of your project. It is due Thursday May 12th. It is worth **5** of a total 25 points for your project. Each point of your project grade corresponds to a point on your final grade. After this assignment, your project should be nearly finished, but remember that you get points for content, not for pages. Your submission must be typed, double spaced and stapled. You must submit both digital and paper copies. If you cannot hand in your draft in class on the due date for any reason you must submit the digital copy by email¹ and place the paper copy in my box in N520. **No late work will be accepted.**

Grading

This assignment is worth five points total. Each piece (**Introduction**, **Conclusion** and **Bibliography**) will be worth a point. Overall, grammar is worth a point. If there are too many errors then I will not award this point. Lastly, one point will be based on how closely I feel you followed these and previous directions. If you have a question about these instructions then you should ask for clarification now. Do not plagiarize. See the previous assignment for more details.

Goal

This assignment will give you a chance to bring all your material together into a self-contained paper. You are not done with this assignment until the information from the previous assignment is bookended by a well-written introduction, conclusion and a comprehensive bibliography. The finished product should be polished and read like a serious article you would see in a newspaper or magazine.

Introduction

Your introduction should include “a clear and specific thesis statement” [1]. What this means is that you should be able to state your claim succinctly and prepare the reader for what is to come, preferably in a single, attention-grabbing sentence. The introduction is the hook of your paper, so upon reading the introduction the reader should *want* to read the rest of the paper. Your introduction should include the thesis sentence, that is, your

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claim, and briefly discuss the structure of the paper. In particular you should mention the **Background**, **Methods** and **Results** sections and their contents.

Conclusion

Your conclusion should answer the question “So what?” [2] What one thing should the reader take away from your paper? Were you successful in supporting your claim? If your conclusion is unsatisfying, what more could be done? Could more data be collected or experiments carried out? You should use your conclusion to answer these questions. One way to form a good conclusion is to rephrase a well-written introduction. Often this will be sufficient to provide the reader with a good sense of completion upon finishing your paper. Even so, there is no need for another explanation of structure of the paper as the reader is now done with the paper and this information is in the introduction.

Bibliography

Your bibliography is important to justify what you have said. As much as possible you should use clear in-line citations. I suggest you emulate the citation format of Wikipedia. “While you should try to write citations correctly, what matters is that you provide enough information to identify the source.” [3] Its guideline on citations is a good list of dos and don’ts, so you should read it for ideas on how to cite your sources appropriately. If your bibliography and citation format looks like those on this page, you will likely be awarded this point.

Once you submit this assignment I will give you suggestions on how to improve it. Good luck!

References

- [1] “How to Write an Introduction”
<http://www.whitesmoke.com/how-to-write-an-introduction>
- [2] Randa Holewa. “Strategies for Writing a Conclusion”
<http://leo.stcloudstate.edu/acadwrite/conclude.html>
- [3] “Wikipedia:Citing sources”
<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:CITE>