

What are the various sections of the research report?

There are three main parts to a research report which are the title, abstract, and body of the paper. The title page is the first section of all research papers. The abstract is always written last and it is the second section of the research paper. The third section is the body of the research paper. The body is the longest section of the research paper, which may be because the body of the paper consists of five sections. According to Hagan (2009), the five sections are:

- The Research Problem and Literature Review
- The Methodology: Research Design and Data Collection
- The Analysis and Presentation of Findings
- Discussion and Conclusions
- References

The title page consists of the name of the paper, the author's name, and sometimes the date. The abstract is a review of the research paper. It is going to provide a brief description of the information provided in the research paper. The body provides information on the research done such as the purpose of the research, any facts, any findings, methods used during the research process, the conclusion, and finally any references used. If one cannot provide data or facts that prove the findings are accurate and true then the research paper is not reliable or valid. To have a good research paper one must remember all of the sections that need to be put into the paper and where these sections go.

References

Hagan, F. E. (2010). *Research methods in criminal justice and criminology* (8th ed.). Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice Hall. Retrieved May 10, 2011, from Axia College, Appendix A,

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When it comes to a research report, there are various sections and steps that are covered. The first step to a research report is the research problem and literature review (Hagan, 2010). During the first step, “the writer should address why this research and its findings may be useful to criminal justice and/or criminology” (Hagan, 2010, p. 368). When researching information for this section, one needs to be careful of what type of references are used. The next section of a research report is the methodology. The purpose of the methodology is for the researcher to explain the research design and data gathering. The next step is the analysis and presentation of findings. This section is used for the research to explain the qualitative or quantitative research. The last three parts are the discussion, conclusion, references. On the discussion and conclusion the researcher needs to be careful to not add information that is not substantive. The reference section of a research report is used for the research to give credit to the individuals’ thoughts and research that was used in the report. Depending on where the information was obtained would, whether from a book, peer reviewed journal, website, and so much more, would determine how the reference is wrote.

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