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You will begin the first paragraph of your paper here. You must indent the first paragraph. Proper APA style uses 12pt font in Times New Roman and double spaced. Your introduction paragraph should be almost a page long. Your introductory paragraph usually begins with a quote or statistic about your topic and ends with your thesis statement. Your thesis statement should be one or two sentences stating 3 main points of what your entire paper will cover. Do not start this statement with “this paper is about.....”.

Example Thesis statement:

At least 25 percent of the federal budget should be spent on helping upgrade business to clean technologies, researching renewable energy sources, and planting more trees in order to control or eliminate pollution.

Notice there are three main points within this statement. This thesis is now the road map to your paper. Your first main body paragraph will talk about clean technologies, the second main body paragraph will discuss researching renewable energy sources, and the third main body paragraph will discuss planting more trees.

Note: In-text citations should be included throughout your paper. For example if you are paraphrasing an idea from another work, make reference to the author and year of publication in your in-text reference

EXAMPLE ONE: According to Smith (1998), APA style is a difficult citation format for first-time learners.

EXAMPLE TWO: APA style is a difficult citation format for first-time learners (Smith, 1998).

Clean technologies are important because .....(Psychological, 2010).

Notice how each new paragraph is following my thesis statement. My 3 main points are each being explored and supported in 3 separate paragraphs.

(Psychological, 2010) is an example of an in-text citation. These come at the end of each sentence you have paraphrased or quoted. Note how this in-text citation corresponds to the reference list. The reader can easily find which reference is being cited.

Also note how each new paragraph is indented. Indenting at the beginning of a new paragraph is proper APA style.

Researching renewable energy is important because .....(Warlick, 2011) .....

(Warlick, 2011) is another example of an in-text citation. While writing your paper you should have many in-text citations, at least three for each reference.

Planting more trees is important because .....

(Angeli, Wagner, Lawrick, Anderson, Soderland, Brizee, & Keck, 2010)

Here is an example of an in-text citation with more than one author.

The conclusion is included at the end of your paper, right before your references page. Your conclusion is a summary of everything you just wrote. Here you will restate your argument/thesis and summarize your argument.

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