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Research Matters



Synopsis

Research Matters. Make it your own. Research Matters unites research, reasoning, documentation, and composing into a cohesive whole, helping students see the conventions of writing as a network of responsibilities writers have to other writers. Research Matters clarifies the responsibility writers have to one another - to treat information fairly and accurately and to craft writing that is fresh and original - their own! . . . to the audience. Research Matters stresses the importance of using conventions appropriate to the audience, to write clearly, and to provide readers with the information and interpretation they need to make sense of a topic. . . . to the topic. Research Matters emphasizes the writer's responsibility to explore a topic thoroughly and creatively, to assess sources carefully, and to provide reliable information at a depth that does the topic justice. . . . to themselves. Research Matters encourages writers to take their writing seriously and to approach writing and research as an opportunity to learn about a topic and to expand their scope as writers. By framing writing in the context of responsibility, Research Matters addresses composition students as mature and capable fellow participants in the research and writing process. The second edition includes more information on the author's exciting research findings from the Citation Project which helps students better understand proper sourcing and documentation and how to avoid plagiarism in their research.

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in the Disciplines" (1995), and co-editor of "Coming of Age: The Advanced Writing Curriculum" (2000 forthcoming). --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

I found Research Matters to be a very helpful book. I used it to write a research paper for my English class. I enjoyed using it (as much as one can while writing a paper). Research Matters is a book about research. It goes into detail about all the stages of the research process, providing helpful tips and short cuts in writing your research paper. It has a very helpful glossary and it is easy to find the different subjects that are wanted. I found it very easy to navigate through the book to find the sections I needed. The formatting of the book was helpful in its lay out of the pages, and easy to understand. It gives helpful tips in many different ways from writing a Thesis to phrasing research questions and search terms. It is not a book that needs to be read from cover to cover. It should be used instead to find information on the different aspects of writing a research paper that a person would need to know. It also can help with information that a writer already knows, but needs to refine. I found this book particularly helpful because I had to switch from my usual MLA formatting and instead use APA formatting. This book helped me make the transition with comparative ease. I also found this book particularly helpful for its information on how to do an annotated bibliography. The formatting for an annotated bibliography was strange to me, but this book showed me how to do it. Showing me in pictures how one was laid out. It also gave me ways to improve my abilities if I had already known how to write an annotated bibliography. The question could be asked why not just use Google to find out how to cite, research, or write an annotated bibliography? The answer is yes Google has the resources to help in this area and is free. However, I prefer using Research Matters for several reasons. One, I am old fashioned and prefer to look at paper and hold it in my hand. Two, it is easier to find things quickly. Three, you know the information is correct. Finally, four I found the tips the book gave about research very helpful. This book rates well compared to author books in the same genre. I have used another book similar to this one (I cannot recall the name) and Research matters rates in most parts very favorably to it. I found the information very helpful in comparison. However, there is one critique I wish to make. Research Matters does not give an exhaustive list of different citations a person might need to use in the course of a research paper. Its list is general and only sort of helpful. Yet, this is the only real problem I have with the book. In other words if you need help with a research paper I would recommend this book as a great source of information. However, if you only need help with citing you need to look elsewhere.

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