

PREP #14 (First Draft of Your Research Methods/Processes Section)

Before beginning this section, be sure that you have carefully reviewed several Methods sections from both the high-scoring students sample papers and a few scholarly works from your Annotated Bibliography. In this section of your Academic Paper, it is important that you focus your research question with clear and narrow parameters through your chosen research method.

In terms of format (e.g. APA, Chicago, MLA) for this piece of your paper, base the structure and layout of your Methods section off of the literature/sources you've already reviewed. Those should be your first stop.)

Clearly define your research method. Refer to the textbook (Ch. 6, 7, 9, 10, 12). Provide a detailed description of your research method(s) so that anyone who reads it would be able to fully replicate your study without any further input from you. To earn credit here, you must be very specific about which specific research methods you will be using, and if you are using mixed methods, you must clarify what kind of mixed methods study (e.g. convergent, embedded, exploratory) it is. Be especially clear about what data you are gathering and how you will be handling that data.

Logically defend the alignment of your method with the purpose of your research question. You must provide a solid justification as to why your chosen research method(s) is/are the best means of addressing your question/goals.

This first draft should be between 500 and 1000 words.