How to Write a Reflective Essay

Is Mythology Still Relevant? My Research Experience

My research experience about whether mythology is still relevant today was one of the most insightful experiences in my studies. It enabled me to identify the best approaches to gathering data and synthesizing it into a paper to provide reasonable arguments. The research also helped in identifying a fast way of writing by creating an outline first and expounding the main points using the highlighted information. This reflective essay will analyze the research process, the time it took and how I organized the paper. It will further focus on the difficulties I experienced during the process, the utilization of library databases, and whether it was easy to integrate the sources into the essay.

The research process entailed gathering adequate materials from various databases that had sufficient information about the topic. Gathering the materials took three days, and sorting them by date and topics (to filter out the most relevant ones), only took a few hours. The resources I used included Google scholar, Ebscohost, and ScienceOpen. These resources were appropriate because they offered a broad source of resources with the information I needed. I was content knowing that I had found sufficient ways of locating scholarly sources.

When organizing my paper, I created an outline with the most relevant headings and subheadings regarding the topic. With the outline, I was able to categorize the main points, organize the paragraphs in a sensible order, and ensure that there would be full development of paragraphs and ideas. It also made my writing more comfortable because I already had ideas about what to incorporate into the paper. Unsurprisingly, the outline helped me to easily identify the themes that would later be in the final document.

What I found easy about the research process was arranging the points and expounding them. On the other hand, gathering the data was a challenging task because I had to visit numerous databases before settling for the best ones. Additionally, I had to sort the information to ensure that only the most relevant and reliable sources remained. The process required scrutiny of both primary and secondary materials, but not certain websites and other unreliable sources. It was a strenuous process, but I felt commendable after the effort.

The library databases I found proved useful to my research process because its study materials acted as guidelines to the operation of gathering data from other databases. By reading those from the library, it was easier to analyze the required information, identify the most appropriate topics and outline the essential sources to get from other databases.

Using the library database was easy because I was already familiar with its operations. Furthermore, the available guidelines enabled me to navigate all the areas without experiencing significant challenges. Therefore, I found it user-friendly and its materials highly informative.

Synthesizing my source materials into the essay was easy because the research entailed grouping the sources according to the themes. Before beginning the writing, I already knew how I would classify them, and the process became easy. This approach enabled me to complete the writing fast enough as I already had all the information I needed. The process was not easy, and yet not difficult. By the end I felt accomplished and knowledgeable.

Researching required me to prepare by identifying the topic under scrutiny, and discern the best way to approach the process. As such, visiting the most relevant

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databases ensured a quick gathering of sources and classifying them into their respective themes. With the right materials and outline, synthesizing the source material into an essay became easy, for the most part, and with delight, I was able to avoid potential challenges in the writing process.