

WRITING THE RESEARCH ABSTRACT

Purpose: An abstract is used to introduce your research to a teacher or to a professional group. Your abstract will also be part of your portfolio, which will be read by both your advisor and the judges at your presentation. Since the abstract will be the first impression the judges will probably have of you, your writing should be error-free and very professional.

- Elements:**
1. Heading – Your Name
Fairfield Christian Academy.
 2. Title of Paper – Centered
 3. Begin the first paragraph with **RESEARCH ABSTRACT:** (then start paragraph)
 4. A, Paragraph One – Summary of Research **ending with your thesis statement from your Research paper.**

B. Paragraph Two – Steps followed to complete Research

C. Paragraph Three – Importance/Relevance of Research to you or in general (this should include the connection to your project)

Your Research Abstract should be between one and one and a half pages long.

It must be typed, double spaced, and in the appropriate font – Times New Roman 12 font.

Sample Research Abstract:

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The Advantages of Socialized Medicine

RESEARCH ABSTRACT: As anyone who watches the news or even goes to a doctor in the United States knows, the medical community and its patients are in a crisis. Health care is no longer placed solely in the hands of those who know best, namely the medical professionals themselves. Treatment decisions are dictated by insurance companies who are driven by cost rather than need. Additionally, doctors themselves are being run out of their profession by increasingly high malpractice insurance. The problems seem to come down to the fact that

medicine is a business in this free market society. Profit is the goal. However, health care should not be restricted for any reason. By looking at the system of socialized health care in Great Britain, it becomes evident that the United States should also adopt a socialized health program.

While completing research into socialized health, the writer found the usual problems. Not being very experienced as a researcher and unsure where one should look for the information needed. Internet sources were not encouraged as good research sources so trips to the library meant allocating time to accomplish that task. The suggestion, by the senior English teacher, to mostly use current event publications, ended up being the primary sources for the research portion of the project. In addition to these problems, it became apparent that some people were not pleased personally with this topic. One librarian actually lectured the writer about the problems with trying to socialize medicine. This brought home the realization that the topic of socialized medicine is so politically charged. After conquering the initial problems, the research went smoothly, as did actually writing the paper.

Interest in the idea of socialized health care began after working at the free clinic in town. Exposure to many people who could not afford extensive health care along with first hand observation of the battles with insurance and Medicare raised the writer's interest in this area. Socialized health care is not the perfect answer to the problem that the medical community faces, but may be a step in the right direction. In light of that, after doing research and after working at the free clinic, the writer has decided to speak up and be an advocate for socialized health care.