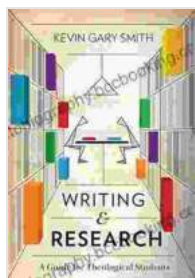


# Unlock Your Theological Research Potential: The Ultimate Guide for Students

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## Chapter 1: Navigating the Landscape of Theological Research

Immerse yourself in the vast realm of theological research, gaining profound insights into its principles, methodologies, and the diverse perspectives that shape the field. Explore the different types of research questions, the significance of primary and secondary sources, and the ethical considerations that guide the path of scholarly inquiry.



## **Chapter 2: The Art of Crafting a Compelling Thesis Statement**

Master the art of formulating a clear, concise, and compelling thesis statement that serves as the cornerstone of your research. Learn techniques for identifying and refining your research topic, developing a focused argument, and ensuring your thesis statement is both original and defensible.

# HOW TO WRITE A THESIS STATEMENT?

## HOW TO WRITE AN EXPOSITORY ESSAY

### FOR ASSIGNED SUBJECTS

If you have been asked to write an essay on a specific subject or topic, you can model your thesis statement around this. For example, if you have been given the essay question of "How does unemployment affect homelessness?" you could write a thesis statement in direct reply to this, it might look something like the following...

**"Unemployment affects homelessness in two ways, it causes a rise in how many homeless people there are which in turn has an effect on how much money is being spent on charities such as food banks and homeless shelters."**

The statement neatly sums up the main point of the essay and gives a brief look into what is going to be discussed in more depth throughout the piece of writing.

If you have free reign over the essay topic, you must first select what you are going to write about. Once you have decided on this, you can begin crafting your thesis statement. You should remember to ensure that the thesis statement takes care of the following points:

- Show one main argument or idea
- Gives space for people to disagree.
- Shows your personal conclusion on the topic.

Now let's presume that you have chosen the topic of whether homework is conducive to learning, you need to take into consideration the following points:

- What is the main point of the essay?
- What are your views on the topic?
- Can you find any research to back your opinion or even change it?

When you have answered these questions, you are then more easily able to come up with a good thesis statement. As with the assigned essay, it is important to answer a question with your thesis statement. So, considering we are writing an essay on the subject of homework, you could then turn that subject into a question 'Is homework conducive to learning?' Your thesis statement might look something like this:

**"More and more parents are refusing to allow their children to do homework, saying that it eats into their free time and provides no benefit to learning. It has been shown that this is not true, in a study conducted in Germany, 90% of children who completed homework passed their exams with a higher grade."**

The above thesis statement is strong because it:

- Shows the author's stance on the topic
- Provides a clear insight to the essay purpose.
- Uses clear and concise language and does not waffle
- Expresses one main argument.



### FOR NON-ASSIGNED SUBJECTS

## ADDITIONAL TIPS FOR A GOOD THESIS STATEMENT

We are now going to look at some final hints to ensure that you write the best thesis statement possible.



- Ensure that your thesis statement appears in your introduction and conclusion and does not get buried deep within the body of the essay.
- Make sure that the thesis statement does not exceed two sentences.
- Avoid making obvious statements such as "this is an essay about..." or "the point of this paper is..." The thesis statement should be able to convey this without using such up-front language.
- Write clearly and articulately.

## Chapter 3: Mining the Depths of Research Resources

Uncover the treasure trove of research resources available at your disposal, including libraries, databases, and archival collections. Explore the vast repository of books, articles, and manuscripts that await your exploration. Develop strategies for effective keyword searching, evaluating the credibility of sources, and managing your research materials.




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Embark on the journey of crafting exceptional research papers that showcase your deep understanding of theological concepts. Learn the nuances of academic writing, including proper citation styles, avoiding plagiarism, and structuring your paper for optimal clarity and impact. Discover techniques for presenting your findings persuasively and engaging your readers.

# SCIENTIFIC WRITING


Some useful tips to help you write better research papers



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## Title


Keep the title simple and specific to describe the contents... but not too technical so it can be easy to understand. Always try to be concise.



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## Abstract


The abstract is short, but remember not to cram much detail into it as possible. You want to grab the reader's attention with the first statement.



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## Introduction


When writing the introduction try pick out the things that are most relevant to your work and explain why. You need to present the background of your work getting straight to the most important issues.



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## Results and Discussion


- ✓ Make your R&D concise but informative.
- ✓ Focus on the really important bits, not the very small details.
- ✓ Remember that discussion of strange results is often as valuable as focusing on the expected findings.



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## References


- ✓ Make sure that your reference section is up-to-date by including current literature.
- ✓ Make use of reference management software! it can help a lot with your reference section.



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## Timing


- ✓ Block out times for writing.
- ✓ Consider having regularly scheduled times to write.
- ✓ Choose the times according to when you tend to function best.



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## Citing


- ✓ In general, use your own words.
- ✓ When using others' words put the material in quotation marks if it's short. Indent it if it's long.
- ✓ Always cite the source if a fact or idea isn't your own.



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## Writing


- ✓ Generally avoid very long paragraphs and very long sentences.
- ✓ Consider using headings, bullets, italics and boldface (but don't overuse these).
- ✓ Make easy-to-understand graphics.



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## Revise!

- ✓ Before submitting your manuscript to a journal make sure you have read the final version several times.
- ✓ You can make good use of feedback from others.



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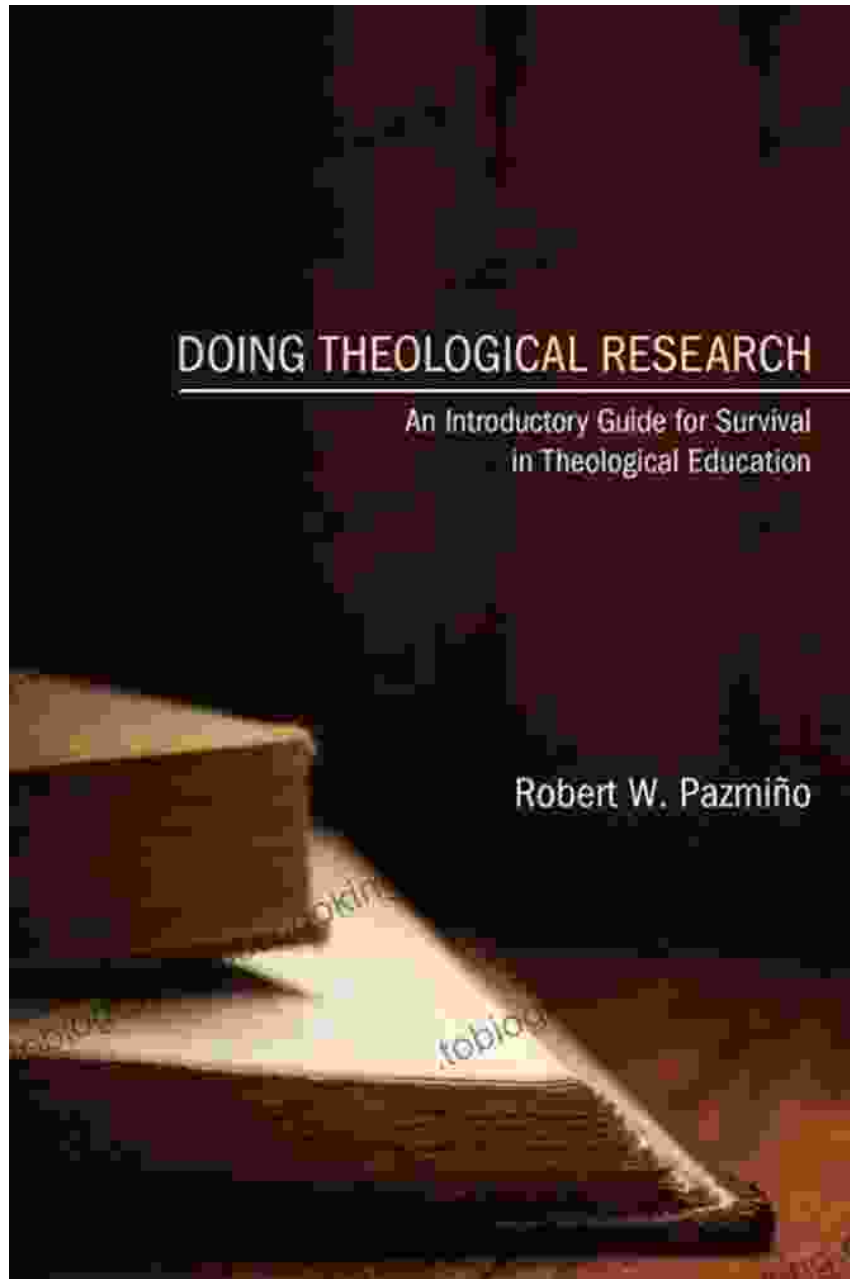
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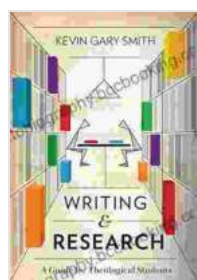
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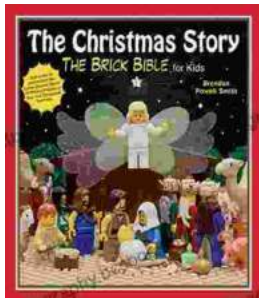
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