

CRITIQUE CHECK LIST

Introduction

- Interest Catcher
- Context or background
- Question that is being asked
- Why is this question important?
- Review of the secondary literature
- Critique of the secondary literature
- Thesis statement
- Parameters of discussion
 - Time period
 - Region
- Method
 - Sources
 - Justification of sources
 - Limits of sources
 - Definition of terms (if necessary)
 - Plan of discussion

Main part of the paper

- Documentation - notes
 - Is all of the material adequately documented?
 - Are the footnotes complete and in the proper form?
- Evidence - does it support the thesis?
- Does the argument progress logically?
- Grammar
- Sentence structure
- Limited use of quotations

Conclusion

- Summary of thesis and evidence
- Argument supporting the superiority of the thesis
- Significance of the research

Bibliography

- Appropriate form
- Inclusive

INTRODUCTION CRITIQUE

Here is a worksheet for evaluating the introductions that you have written. Please check if the requirement has been fulfilled. If necessary, make helpful suggestions on the back.

Author _____

Title _____

Critiqued by _____

Does this introduction

_____ have an interest catcher?

_____ set the historical context?

_____ indicate what question the piece is trying to answer?

_____ indicate why this question is important?

_____ review the literature on this topic?

_____ explain how the literature is deficient and thus why there is a need for a new approach?

_____ clearly state the thesis?

_____ establish the parameters of the discussion (time period, place, kinds of people etc.)?

_____ explain the method to be used?

Sources, justification of sources, limits of sources

Definition of terms, if necessary

Caveats, if necessary

Plan of discussion