

05.05 Rock Your Research Assignment

Directions

Do you have a device that you love, but maybe don't know how to use all of its features/functions? Maybe a smartphone, a laptop, a gaming console, or any type of emerging technology. Let's do some research!

Step One: Select a Device

Select one of the following devices: smartphone, laptop, gaming console, or other technological device.

Step Two: Download the Template

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Step Three: Do the Research

Begin your research by considering the questions below. Make sure you use one reliable source.

1. What features/functions do you want to learn how to use?
2. What is the web address to the device's "online help," "tutorials," "user's manual," or "vendor bulletin board?"
3. What search strategy did you use to find the URL?
4. Reflect upon the web resource you used. In your own words, was it helpful? Why or why not?

Step Four: Describe Your Device

Compose a well-formed paragraph that summarizes the information you found. Your description must be three to four sentences in length, and you must give credit to your sources by using in-text citations. (See the examples below.) Add your summary to the bottom of your Research Note-taking Template.

In-Text Citation Examples:

- **According to (author name, website, organization)**, the most popular food of the 1970s was ...
- **(Author name, website, organization, etc.)** said the cost of living for 1980 averaged ...
- Warren G. Harding was the president from 1921 to 1923 but died of a heart attack **(History.com)**.

Step Five: Save Your Work

Save your Research Note-taking Template and summary as LastName_FirstName_M5L5. If your name is Jane Smith, you would save the file as "Smith_Jane_M5L5."