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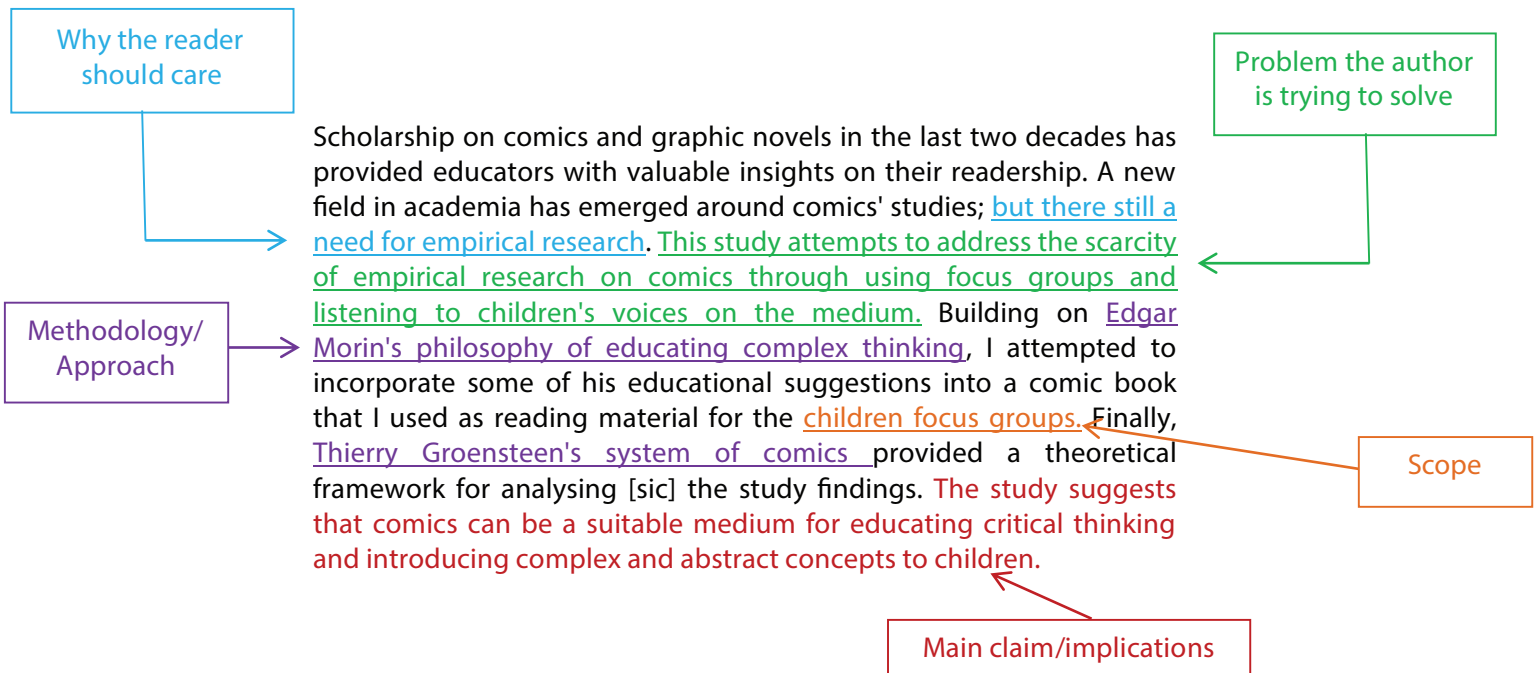
Academic Writing Center - Graduate Students



Writing an Abstract

Informative Abstracts

There are several different types of abstracts, but the “informative abstract” is the most common. An informative abstract is usually around 300 words long and effectively summarizes the key components of the original text. When writing your abstract, consider the following questions (as applicable): What is the main argument, thesis, or claim of the text? Why is the information in the text important/why should people care? What methodology/approach was used to discover the claim? What are the implications of the findings?



Harbi, Amine. "'He Isn't an Animal, He Isn't a Human; He is just Different': Exploring the Medium of Comics in Empowering Children's Critical Thinking." *Journal of Graphic Novels and Comics*, vol. 7, no. 4, 2016, pp. 431-444.

Questions?

Further Resources:

- The Writing Center and UNC-Chapel Hill – “Abstracts”
- Purdue Online Writing Lab – “Writing Report Abstracts”
- Philip Koopman, Carnegie Mellon University – “How to Write an Abstract”

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