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The Difficulty of Writing a Final Essay

**Introduction**

It is expected that a final essay presented to the professor meets certain high standards; it means that the presentation of the final essay should meet certain criteria. For example, the final essay should be free from grammatical errors, well organized, structured appropriately etc. The final essay is a correction of the draft based on comments received from the tutor so that the essay can meet the tutors’ expectations for grading purposes. Therefore, while writing a final essay it should be taken into consideration that the essay should not have errors that will distract the tutor from the ideas to be presented in the paper so that it will not cost the writer the decrease of marks earned. This paper seeks to discuss the difficulties experienced while writing a final essay and some possible solutions that can be used to ensure that the final essay meets the required standards.

1. ***Understanding the Assignment.***Research conducted shows that lack of proper understanding of the assignment requirements is a problem that affects the standard of the final essay. It will be a big problem in case one conducts a research or writes a final essay without having a clear understanding of what is expected of the assignment. Understanding the assignment means being aware of the length of the paper, the citations required, the type of sources allowed for research and the number of sources to be used.
2. ***Selecting the Subject/Topic or Title.*** Research conducted by various scholars indicates that choosing the appropriate title for a final essay is a significant aspect that contributes to higher grade. The final essay subject should be chosen carefully while considering all the assignment requirements that should be met; the writer should check various sources to determine whether there is valid information available on the selected topic that will help them complete the essay successfully. One of the difficulties that might arise because of the subject selected is the lack of enough information on the same.
3. ***Developing a Strong Thesis Statement.*** A good final essay should have a strong thesis statements; developing a good thesis statement is one of the greatest challenges the writers face with while writing final essay. A good thesis statement should clearly express the view point being described in the paper and also support the arguments presented in the subject topic. The thesis statement should indicate arguable points, and the ways that will be applied to agree or disagree with the topic. It means that thesis statement presents the objectives of the final papers; these objectives act as the controlling ideas that will help the writer stay within the scope of the topic and also choose resource materials to be followed while writing the final essay. Therefore, good thesis statement should not be developed in form of a question, it should be a complete sentence and not a fragment, it should not offer personal thoughts, should not be written in vague language that is not understandable by the reader, and it should contain the elements that are related to the subject topic only.
4. ***Formulation of Problematic Questions.*** Well written final essay should solve a certain problem or answer certain questions. The essay might be considered irrelevant if it fails to provide proper clarification on the primary problem to be solved or questions to be answered.
5. ***Evidence, analysis and reflection.*** A good final essay should make use of proper evidence from scholarly supporting materials. Considering that a good thesis should be arguable, the evidence used while writing a final essay should be able to provide counter information. The writer should provide the readers with orientation to the evidence sources used so that the final essay can make sense to the reader. Therefore, a good final essay should show how the writer has turned the evidence used to support the materials and sources used in a proper argument. While analysis is directly linked to the evidence used, reflection, on the other hand, has to be built upon analysis and be used in support of claims made by the writer in support of their evidence.
6. ***Structure and outline.*** Another difficulty faced by writers while writing a final essay is constructing a good outline that will provide the final essay with a good structure. An outline is an important aspect while writing the final essay that is most of the time overlooked by the writer. A good outline and proper essay structure can increase the quality of good final essay. For example, good outline should be structured in the following manner: introduction, body (the body should include the main points as the main headings followed by supporting details under each of the main points), conclusion, and a reference page at the end of the paper based on the referencing style required. The final essay structure and outline should make it easier for the reader to understand the relationship between the point before and after each idea presented in the body. It means that the idea presented at the end of the last paragraph should prepare the reader for the upcoming idea in the next main point.
7. ***Revising the paper.*** It is not an easy task for the writer to revise their own papers successfully. A comprehensive revision of the work means that the writer should open his mind to the thought that his own work needs some rewriting. Having such a state of mind is difficult because it is hard for one to believe that what he has written is not correct. Therefore, revising the paper is a difficulty that is facing writers while writing a final draft of their works. Other difficulties resulting from revision include but are not limited to: limited time to complete the assignment, difficulties in understanding what is wrong with the paper, etc.
8. ***Writing the reference page.*** A reference page is developed from the in-text citations used as supporting evidence to the arguments developed in the paper. These sources are retrieved from different materials such as journals, articles, books, and websites among others. Materials used are referenced using different formats, and it is quite an challenging task for essay writers to learn all the necessary referencing formats. Indeed, the format used by the writers to reference the books is quite different from that used to reference the journals.

**Conclusion**

Based on the findings above it can be concluded that a final essay should be written in a manner that meets the suggested requirements. Writing a final essay can pose great challenges to the writer if they do not have proper knowledge on what is required and expected of them. In such a case it can result to decrease in their final grade. It has also been noted that a final essay is aimed at answering specific questions and solving certain problems which can be jeopardized in case the difficulties discussed above are not dealt with.

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