Research paper Year 12 Due 9th Feb 2014

1500 words on one of the following topics.

Google: History of Google.

IBM: History

Macintosh: Steve Jacobs was he an innovator?

Apple V PC: which is a better system and why?

Some ideas that may help you:

Set the Stage; state the Problem (introduction)

Topic: generally describe the topic.

Set the scene: Describe the environment and its conditions.

Introduce and describe the problem: Describe what you intend to show/argue and why. What is its significance? Illustrate the problem with an interesting example (Remember you are writing for an audience and want to capture their interest)

Begin to define terms, concepts, vocabulary: If possible, use one authoritative source or combine definitions and footnote your sources. Later in the development of your paper, be conscious of using new terms and their definitions.

Develop your Hypotheses

Your hypothesis is your proposed explanation that you will test to determine whether it is true or false. It will contain measurable variables (those that change or can be manipulated) with results that can be compared with each other. Avoid over-generalizing, and reference the research findings of others to support why you think this will work.
**Methods**
Give enough information so that others can follow your procedure, and can replicate it (and hopefully come up with the same findings and conclusions as you did!)

**Discussion**
Develop your argument based upon your findings. While the data may read for itself, you will need to interpret
- how it validates your hypothesis
- what falls outside of validity
- how it impacts the literature you cited
- where further research is needed

**Conclusion**
Restate and summarize your findings and discussion either in order to simply complexity or to provide a summary for those who skip to it!

**References**
Verify with your teacher the proper format

**Recommendations:**
A research paper is not an essay, an editorial, or a story. All assertions of fact must be documented. Be careful of any generalisations that you make. Strive to be value-free in your inquiry.

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