

MAS 201 Topic Paragraph Guidelines

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Guidelines for the topic paragraph:

1. The paragraph should be written as if it is the opening paragraph of your paper.
2. It must have a title.
3. This is a formal research paper, so don't use any personal pronouns.
4. Explain the significance of the topic. Why is this topic important, and why should we be paying attention to the subject or issue?
5. Explain its relevance in the context of current society, politics, business, law enforcement, culture, or whatever is appropriate.
6. Use one or two examples and cite them properly – that means you will also include a brief reference page.
7. Your paragraph should include a very explicit thesis statement: "This paper will..." and then you go on to clearly state your intentions for the paper.
8. Double space and use the APA format:
<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/>
9. A three or four sentence paragraph is not going to cut it.
10. Remember to keep your topic narrow and manageable.