Writing a Research Paper

Your next assignment will be to write a research paper. Before you write a research paper, you must know the definition.

Definition of research paper:

A substantial piece of academic writing, usually done as a requirement for a class, in which the author does independent research into a topic and writes a description of the findings of that research. A research paper is an extended essay in which you present your own analysis, assessment or line of reasoning.

The Research paper writing process follows certain writing steps:

1. Choose a topic.
2. Look for information. (books, magazine articles, reputable websites)
3. Write notes and cite sources.
3. Define a thesis statement. (Attached)
4. Make an outline.
5. Organize notes.
6. Draft initial paper.
7. Revise paper.
8. Edit paper
9. Type paper.
10. Write a bibliography.

A great reference for you to use is
https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/544/1/
Here are some questions you might want to answer when you are doing your research.

**What?** (What animal are you researching in captivity? How does it look like? What are the natural behaviors of this animal?)

**Where?** (Where is the animal in captivity? Describe the location. How different is this location from their natural habitat?)

**When?** (When was this animal taken into captivity? Was it raised in captivity? Was it taken from another captive environment? Was it taken from a natural habitat? Was it taken from the mother or a herd?)

**Why?** (Why was this animal taken into captivity? Was it for conservation, protection, or entertainment?)

**How?** (How is the animal treated in captivity regarding space, food, and animal interactions? Is it better off than it was before? Is it going to be released back into the wild?)

Add two more questions of your own that you might want to find out about your animal in captivity.

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