Preparing Students for Research Writing

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Why research?

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▶ Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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Students need to know what their peers have been taught in secondary school to be on the same level in the tertiary educational environment.

Homework Assignment

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Fill out your information in the Mentimeter link provided.

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What tools can we use to set limits on the scope of our students' research?

Teach students to filter database results based on date, document type, and Lexile level.

Inquiry Skills
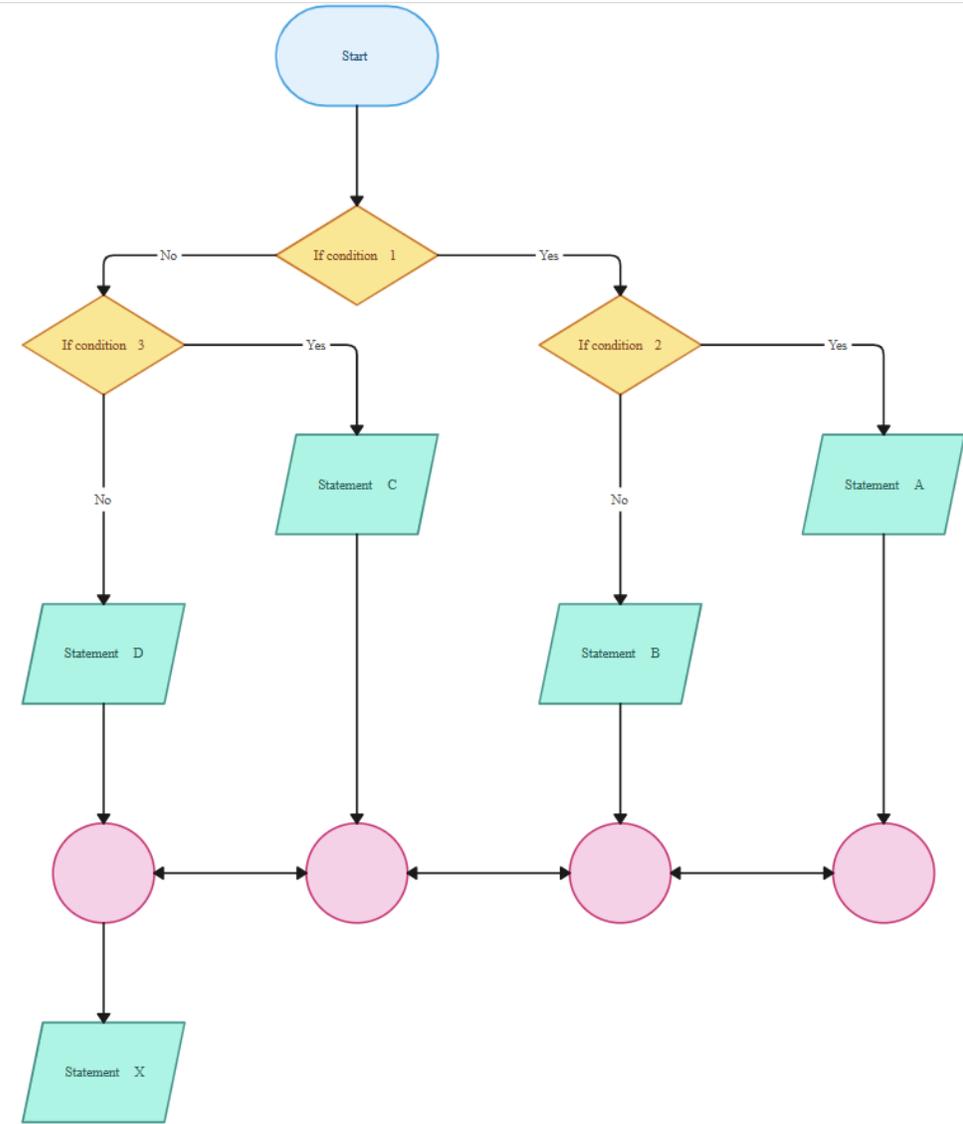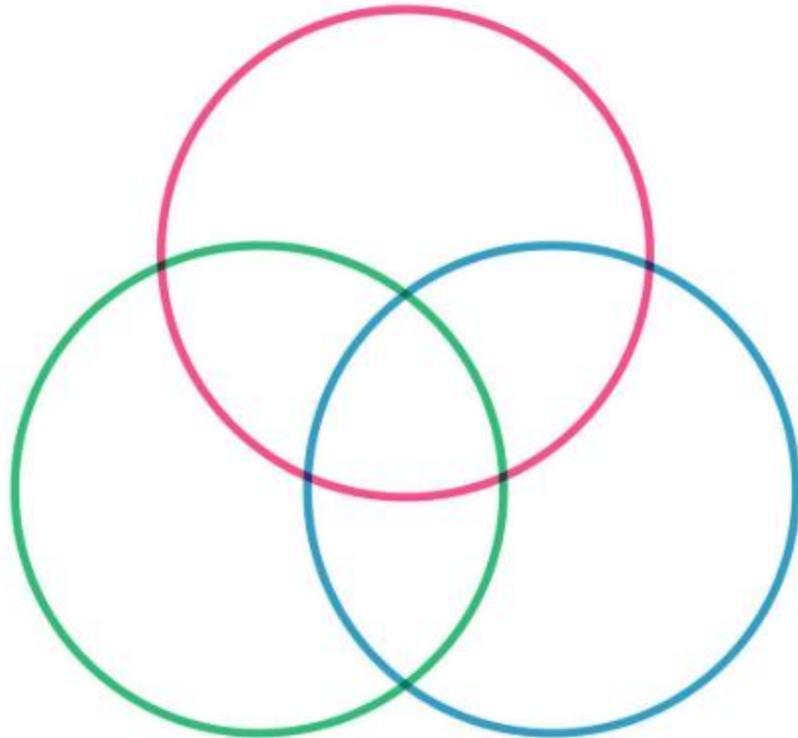
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Synthesis can be visual and communicative activities prior to writing a research paragraph.

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Quotes in a Paragraph

- Although I require my students to have a thesis prior to writing any of the research paper, the first activity they have for a paragraph is choosing which quotes they want to use.

- This activity can be communicative and done in small groups.

- The common-core flavored writing styles of the United States are more direct than other global writing structures. I find having students focus on the quotes first can create a structure for their paragraph writing.

Quotes…

- One of the greatest strengths of using the library database is the citation generator.

- Our students may have come from educational experiences where citations

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