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The process of deciding on the right topic to be used is essential but very challenging. In one way or another, people will have to decide on different things in their lives, such as selecting the best store to shop in; however, choosing the most appropriate research topic is significant for all students. Therefore, I encountered several challenges due to my topic selection, including getting too far specific at an early stage. I realized that I need to begin with an objective that will finalize the whole concept in research. Nevertheless, the time that should be utilized in attaining the goal will help in all the processes. I learned surprising information that most parents believe vaccination causes autism in children making them not take a step in vaccinating their children. Also, I found information that changed my mind concerning the best argument. I realized that it is essential to utilize previous research concerning the controversial topic and its findings.

My final draft has followed the outline assignment closely; however, the body paragraphs are divided based on the same information content. While one paragraph may have much information concerning the same topic sentence, I had to split the information into different topics, but under a similar argument as arranged in the outline. I made changes to make the paper organized into meaningful paragraphs and attractive to the reader. Notably, the outline made my essay stronger because it provided me with guidance and understanding of the topic in general before beginning to write the final draft. Through an outline, I realized what I wanted to write by narrowing down on a thesis and developing a reasonable argument. I would improve my essay in one way, which includes the arrangement of my paragraphs. The paragraph should have a main idea and then be explained and an example provided. Also, the examples provided must be illustrated.

Obtaining relevant sources to the research was difficult because online sources have not been researched to prove the topic. The topic is based on speculation of parents thinking that vaccination causes autism in children; therefore, most pieces of literature have not performed research to prove if the assumption is correct. However, on the few sources utilized, a conclusion is attained. Most of the publications used are recent between 2017 and 2020. However, three sources have been used that are between 1999-2005. The three sources used are relevant and appropriate to the topic. Research always requires recent sources; thus, for my topic, current sources were necessary to be credible and up to date, nonetheless, past sources were also significant in developing a historical context. The problems I encountered in my search are insufficient sources to support my arguments on the topic. Having various sources to compare would yield a perfect conclusion that is unbiased and based on different studies and perceptions. The chose sources are relevant based on the content needed in the topic. However, the best way to determine the sources used was through reading carefully and note-taking to determine the appropriateness. Several sources were available but not included because they lacked relevance to the topic.

After completing my first draft, I have no challenges in the editing process because it naturally comes to me. My instructor trained me always to revise and edit my work appropriately before submitting it. Hence, after completing my first draft, I relax for some time, then read it through as I change the spelling and grammatical errors and check the workflow. Then I will make any final revisions and then submit the final draft.

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