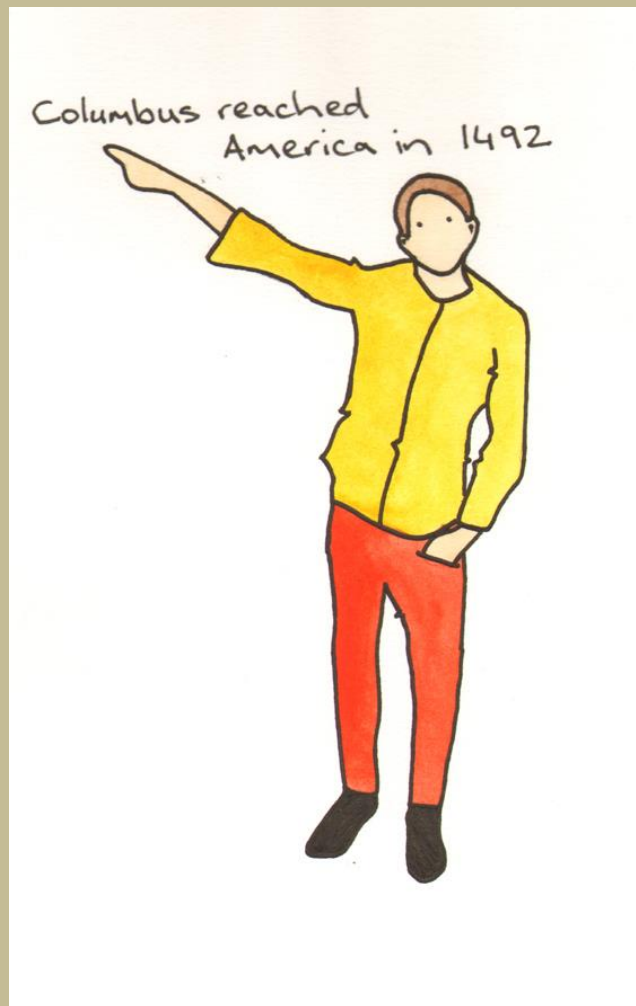


Essay beginnings and endings



Useful sentences to begin your writing.

The Academic Phrasebank

<http://www.phrasebank.manchester.ac.uk/introductions.htm>

is a general resource for academic writers provided by the University of Manchester. It aims to provide you with examples of some useful phrases which might kick start your writing / thinking.

The Phrasebank covers topics such as :

Introducing Work.

Referring to the Literature.

Being Critical.

Describing Methods.

Reporting Results.

Discussing Findings.

Writing Conclusions.

General Functions.

This leaflet contains some of the useful phrases for introducing and concluding your work.

Introductions.

Establishing the importance of the topic:

One of the most significant current discussions in legal and moral philosophy is

It is becoming increasingly difficult to ignore the

X is the leading cause of death in western industrialised countries.

X is a common disorder characterised by

X is an important component in the climate system, and plays a key role in Y.

In the new global economy, X has become a central issue for

In the history of development economics, X has been thought of as a key factor in

X is an increasingly important area in applied linguistics.

Central to the entire discipline of X is the concept of

X is at the heart of our understanding of

Establishing the importance of the topic (time frame given):

Recent developments in X have heightened the need for

In recent years, there has been an increasing interest in

Recent developments in the field of X have led to a renewed interest in

Recently, researchers have shown an increased interest in

The past decade has seen the rapid development of X in many

The past thirty years have seen increasingly rapid advances in the field of.....

Over the past century there has been a dramatic increase in

One of the most important events of the 1970s was

Traditionally, Xs have subscribed to the belief that

X proved an important literary genre in the early Y community.

The changes experienced by Xs over the past decade remain unprecedented.

Focus, aim, argument:

This paper will focus on/examine/give an account of

This essay seeks to remedy these problems by analysing the literature of

The objectives of this research are to determine whether

This paper seeks to address the following questions:

This essay critically examines/discusses/traces

The purpose of this paper is to review recent research into the

This paper will review the research conducted on

This chapter reviews the literature concerning the usefulness of using

The aim of this paper is to determine/examine

The aim of this study was to evaluate and validate

In the pages that follow, it will be argued that

This paper attempts to show that

Outline of structure:

The main questions/issues addressed in this paper are: a), b and c).

This paper has been divided into four parts. The first part deals with

The essay has been organised in the following way.

This paper first gives a brief overview of the recent history of X.

This paper begins by

It will then go on to

The first section of this paper will examine

Chapter 2 begins by laying out the theoretical dimensions of the research,
and looks at how

Chapter 3 describes the design, synthesis, characterization and evaluation of

Conclusions.

Summarising the content:

This paper has given an account of and the reasons for the widespread use of X

This essay has argued that X is the best instrument to

This assignment has explained the central importance of X in Y.

This dissertation has investigated

Restatement of aims (research):

This study set out to determine

The present study was designed to determine the effect of

In this investigation, the aim was to assess

The purpose of the current study was to determine

This project was undertaken to design, and evaluate

Returning to the hypothesis/question posed at the beginning of this study, it is now possible to state that

Summarising the findings (research):

This study has shown that

These findings suggest that in general

One of the more significant findings to emerge from this study is that

It was also shown that.....

This study has found that generally

The following conclusions can be drawn from the present study

The relevance of X is clearly supported by the current findings.

This study/research has shown that

The second major finding was that

The results of this investigation show that

The most obvious finding to emerge from this study is that

X, Y and Z emerged as reliable predictors of

Multiple regression analysis revealed that the

Suggesting implications:

The evidence from this study suggests that

The results of this study indicate that

The results of this research support the idea that

In general, therefore, it seems that

Taken together, these results suggest that

An implication of this is the possibility that

The findings of this study suggest that