

What is a Biography sketch?

→ Points to include in an autobiographical sketch:

- Key dates and locations
- Academic and/or career accomplishments
- Relevant personal milestones, if applicable
- Future plans and goals

Felicia Stockstill-Mitchell
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Felicia Stockstill-Mitchell is a college student who is working towards becoming a Physical Therapist Assistant and who will be graduating with her AAS in May of 2012 from Pearl River Community College in Poplarville. From there, she hopes to be accepted into the PTA program at PRCC in Hattiesburg. Felicia has spent many hours observing in various physical therapy clinics in or near her town so she could get a better idea of what she could be looking forward to in her future. She hopes to work particularly with injured war veterans.

In high school, Felicia's activities were many. She participated in the Beta Club, National Honors Society, and with her school theatre troupe, the Blue Maskers. Felicia was a constant name on the honor roll and graduated from Pearl River Central High School with Honors. Outside of the school she also participated in a local theatre troupe, Picayune on Stage with plays ranging from Little Women (Beth) to a colorful, musical production of Alice in Wonderland (The head of the Cheshire Cat) as well as on a local softball team. She continued with theatre in her second semester in college when she auditioned for "The Glass Menagerie" and was given the role of Laura.

When she is not participating in plays or at school, Felicia enjoys spending her time writing as it is a dream of hers to one day be published. She also spends a great deal of time helping her grandmother who is unable to move around as well as she once used to due to various illnesses.

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What is Scholarly writing?

- **Scholarly writing** is the type of writing that is a **clear and concise written communication style.**



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What is Scholarly writing?

- scholarly writing is:
 - material written for a **specific purpose** to a specific audience.
 - it's **based on solid evidence**, not assumptions.
 - its objective in tone and substance is **clear, concise**, and it's **mechanically correct**.

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- Among the most important skills required for scholarly writing are those relating to **critical thinking**.
- Writing credible, well-designed papers (for college or publication) requires the use of **Critical thinking skills** and **scholarly writing mechanics**.

The Mechanics of Scholarly Writing:

- The writer must **integrate ideas from sources, cite and reference properly, paraphrase, and use minimal quotes**.
 - Source material must also be accurately represented

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Mechanics of Writing

- An important factor in scholarly writing is the **proper integration of ideas** from utilized sources.
- The writer must use **direct quotes sparingly** → The paper should contain no more than 20 % of direct quotations.
- **Peer-reviewed sources** (such as scientific journals) may be the most reliable, and can be found in university libraries and online databases.

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Mechanics of Writing (cont.)

- **Paraphrased material** should be carefully constructed → The writer must read the text thoroughly and understand it well → The precise meaning of the author must be represented in the paraphrased information.
- **The referenced material** should have been published within the last 3-5 years.
- **Citations and References** must be precise → Consult the citation and reference style manual (APA, MLA, etc.) used by your organization for exact specifications.

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Mechanics of Writing (cont.)

- **Formatting** issues include:
- Title page
- Abstract
- Development
- Conclusion
- References

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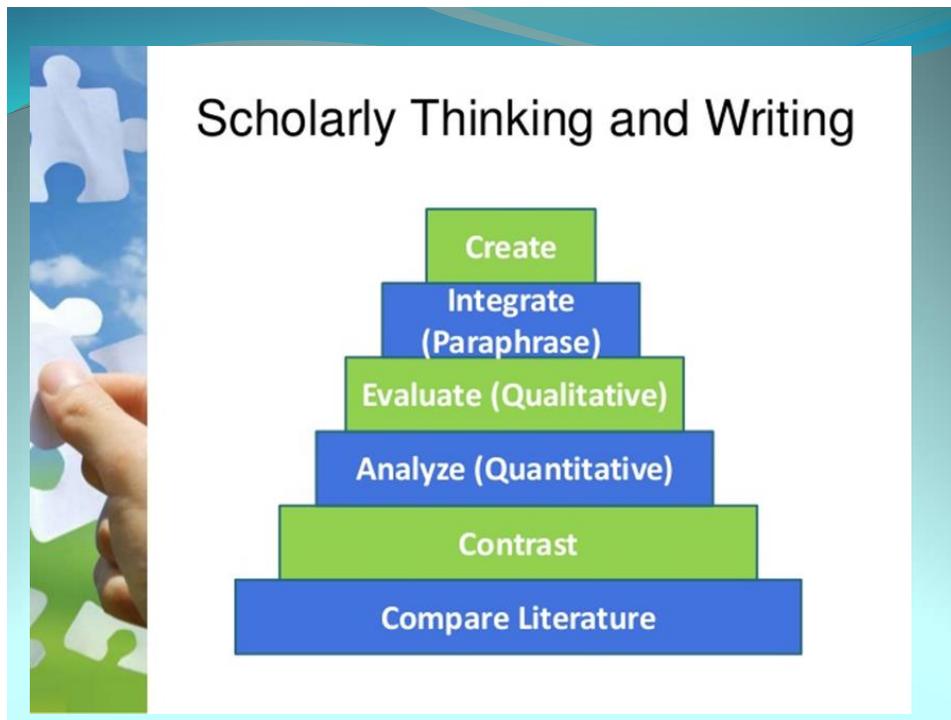
LITERATURE REVIEW

- **In order to understand the present 'state of the art':**
- → read what other people have written about research in your subject (do a review of literature)
- → See 'how' the research was done (research method).
- → Understand the conceptual frameworks in your subject.
- → What were the findings?
- → What was the conclusion?

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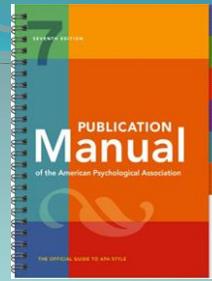
- "Critical thinking is the intellectually disciplined process of actively and skillfully conceptualizing, applying, analyzing, synthesizing, and/or evaluating information gathered from, or generated by, observation, reflection, reasoning, or communication, as a guide to beliefs and action"
- → perceive a problem objectively and intellectually.
- → critically analyze the issue
- → ponder possible conclusions and/or solutions

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APA STYLE



- APA Style is a writing style and format for academic documents such as scholarly journal articles and books.

How to Set-Up Student Paper in APA Style 7th Edition:

<https://youtu.be/gVFFKgXj6pw>