Research Paper Explanation Prompt

**SPP: Research – Explanation** **Prompt**

If you are stuck writing your explanation, try answering these questions. Do *not* restate the question. Your answers can be used to write your explanations paragraph.

1. What is your topic? (the general area your project is in)
2. What do readers need to know about your topic? Explain it to them.

1. What aspect of the topic are you testing?

1. What are you testing on or with? What are your test subjects? Be specific.
2. What do you expect to happen to your test subjects? What effect will the variable you change have on the test subjects?

1. How can you explain the effect on the test subjects?

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