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Part 2: How to Write a Good Abstract for Your Graduate Capstone Thesis

• The body of the abstract is limited to 150-200 words.
• The abstract is written last.
• The abstract retains the scope and content of the larger report but without the details.
Purpose of the research
Methodology
Findings
Conclusion

You are the person who knows the most about your research study!
A *key sentence* is one that answers the question implied in each of your 4 sections.

- What research problem was addressed and why?
- What method did I use to solve the problem (or answer my research question)?
- What were my study’s findings?
- What were my conclusions?
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The research problem (or question) of the study was _______________________.

I investigated this problem because _________________________.

The research method(s) I used in my study was/were _______________________. ["The theoretical framework employed in the study was _________________________.]

The findings of the study are as follows . . .

The results of the study indicated (or suggested) the following . . .
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- How to set up an outline for your abstract.
- Where to look for the information, or key sentences, to fill in your outline.
- How to compose the first draft of the abstract.