



The Empirical Study Common Questions

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Definition: An empirical study is a study that you conduct yourself in order to answer your research question from essay three. You'll present a research question, describe the kind of experiment you'll conduct, report your findings, and consider what the public believes is the answer to your research question.

Common Questions:

Question: *What do I write about?*

Answer: Your job is to conduct a study over a chosen topic, propose a research question, describe what current opinion on the answer to that question, and present data from your study.

Question: *How do I start?*

Answer: Begin by conducting the research over your topic. Then determine common answers, and establish what is not answered in your research.

Question: *How do I end it?*

Answer: A good way to end is by summarizing your main points and restating your overall response to the research question. You may leave the reader with an additional question or something to ponder.



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Question: *How do I conduct a study?*

Answer: When conducting a study or experiment, you have several options for conducting primary research:

Types of Primary Research

- Interview people
- Survey people
- Conduct and experiment
- Conduct observations on people
- Conduct observations of places
- Conduct observations of things
 - Documents
 - Media
 - Websites/social media
 - Products
 - Other

Question: *What do I do if my essay isn't long enough?*

Answer: Quotes, examples, reasons - oh my! Check to make sure that you clearly explain your reasoning for each point of the essay. If you have and it still isn't long enough, try adding some quotes and examples to further illustrate your point.