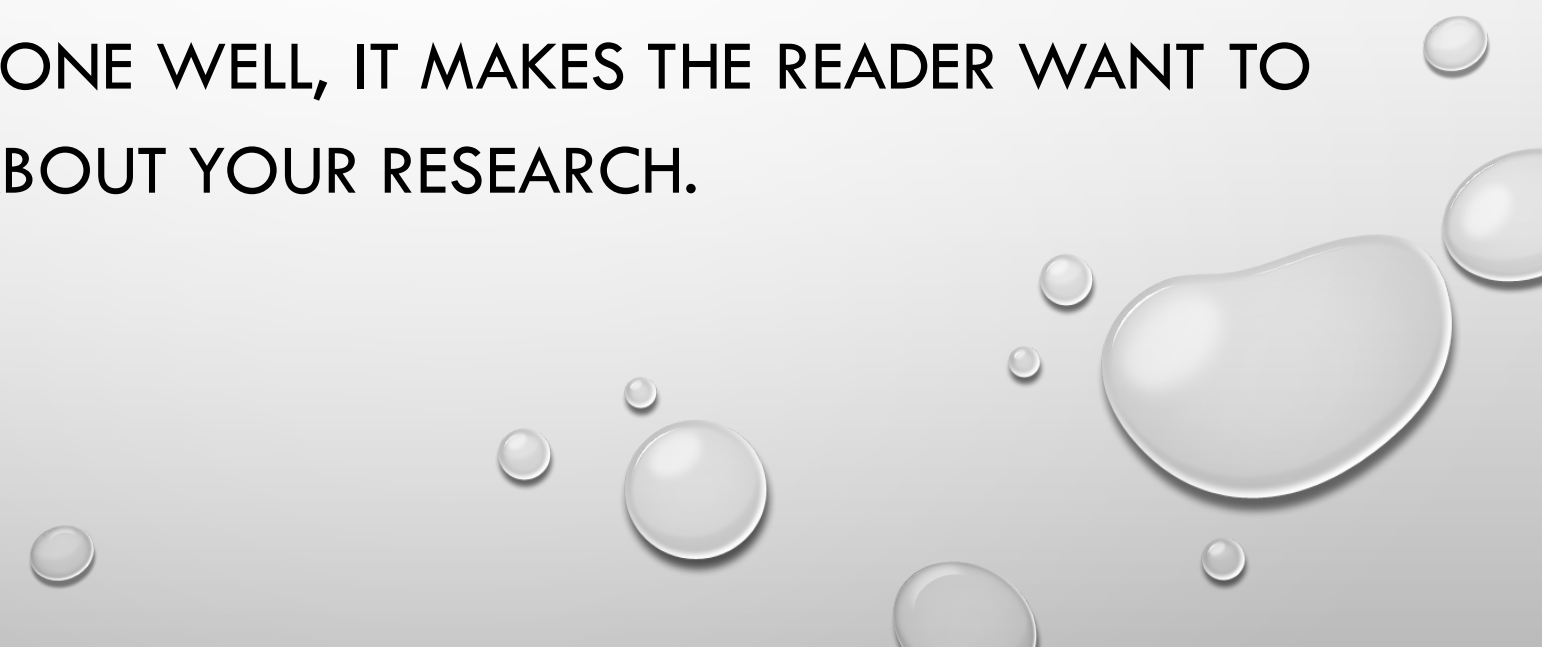




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THESE ARE THE BASIC COMPONENTS OF AN ABSTRACT IN ANY DISCIPLINE:

- 1) MOTIVATION/PROBLEM STATEMENT: WHY DO WE CARE ABOUT THE PROBLEM?
WHAT PRACTICAL, SCIENTIFIC, THEORETICAL OR ARTISTIC GAP IS YOUR RESEARCH FILLING?
 - 2) METHODS/PROCEDURE/APPROACH: WHAT DID YOU ACTUALLY DO TO GET YOUR RESULTS?
 - 3) RESULTS/FINDINGS/PRODUCT: AS A RESULT OF COMPLETING THE ABOVE PROCEDURE, WHAT DID YOU LEARN/INVENT/CREATE?
 - 4) CONCLUSION/IMPLICATIONS: WHAT ARE THE LARGER IMPLICATIONS OF YOUR FINDINGS, ESPECIALLY FOR THE PROBLEM/GAP IDENTIFIED IN STEP 1?
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