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| Introduction Introduction has three elements: (1) Captured the reader's attention, (2) presented the thesis statement, and (3) provided a road map to the rest of the paper | 20 Introduction has all elements | 16 Introduction missing one element | 14 Introduction missing two elements | 9-0 No introduction or no paper submitted |
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| Methods Presents the methods of data collection (who was interviewed, how, and why) | 30 Presents the three elements of the methods | 24 Presents the two elements of the methods | 21 Presents the one elements of the methods | 15-0 No methods section was presented or no paper submitted |
| Findings Presents 3 findings that draw from the interview data. The data should be introduced, quoted, and analyzed. | 60 Has three findings | 48 Has two findings | 42 Has one finding | 31-0 No findings presented or no paper submitted |
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