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# Chapter I

# Introduction

In the introduction, set up your dissertation’s topic, purpose, and relevance, and tell the reader what to expect in the rest of the text.

**1. Research Background**

*Establish your research topic:*

* Introduce your broad topic in an engaging way.
* Provide relevant background information to contextualize your work.

*Narrow down the focus:*

* Go into more detail about the specific area you’ll be focusing on.
* Define the scope of the research.

*Discuss existing research:*

* Briefly discuss the current state of knowledge on your topic.
* Show your work’s relevance to a broader problem or debate.

**2. Research Objectives**

* Describe your concrete objectives in conducting the research.

**3. Research Questions**

* State the questions you set out to answer in your dissertation.

**4. Research Benefits**

**5. Research Definitions**

**6. Research Conceptual Framework**

# Chapter II

# Literature review

 In the subject about Research on the Artistic and Cultural Characteristics of Folk Songs in Northwest Area in Shanxi Province, China. The researcher reviewed the document to obtain the most comprehensive information for this thesis. With review of various documents according to the following topics.

 1. General Knowledge about Shanxi Province

 2. General Knowledge of Folk song in Shanxi

 3. General Knowledge of ………………

 4. General Knowledge of culture conservation and development

 3. The theory used

 5. Research related

In the literature review, you survey existing research on your topic, developing a coherent structure and argument that leads to a clear basis or justification for your own approach.

*Survey the literature:*

* Describe how much research has been done into your topic, and what kinds.
* Synthesize key findings from relevant studies.
* Assess the strengths and weaknesses of previous research.
* Highlight any gaps or limitations in existing research.

*Show how your research does one or more of the following:*

* Addresses a gap in the literature.
* Takes a new theoretical or methodological approach to the topic.
* Proposes a solution to an unresolved problem.
* Builds on and strengthens existing knowledge with new data.
* Advances a theoretical debate.

*Present the theoretical framework:*

* Discuss the theory that informs your research.
* Define key terms and explain relevant concepts.
* Present any relevant models that help interpret your findings.

# Chapter III

# Research Methodology

 This chapter includes the following basic points:

 1. Research scope

 1.1 Scope of content

 1.2 Scope of time

 2. Research Process

 2.1 Selection of the research site

 2.2 Selection of the key informants

 2.3 Selection of the music/songs (if have)

 2.4 Research tools

 2.5 Data collection

 2.6 Data management

 2.7 Data analysis

 2.8 Data presentation

The methodology chapter describes exactly how you collected and analyzed your data, allowing your reader to assess the validity of your findings.

*Introduce your overall approach:*

* Is your research qualitative or quantitative (or a combination of both)?
* What type of research design did you use (e.g. longitudinal, experimental, case study, ethnography…)?
* The specific terms you use to describe your approach should follow the conventions of your field.

*Give the details:*

* Where, when, and with whom the research took place (including your sampling methods if relevant).
* Your methods of collecting data (e.g. interviews, surveys, archives).
* Your methods of analyzing data (e.g. statistical analysis, discourse analysis).
* Tools and materials you used (e.g. computer programs, lab equipment).

*Evaluate your methods:*

* Discuss any noteworthy obstacles you faced in conducting the research and how you overcame them.
* Assess whether your approach was effective overall.
* If you used novel or unconventional methods, justify why this was the best approach to answering your research question.

**Chapter IV, V, VI**

# Results

 This chapter focuses on the significance and role of Chao Bai Nanyue Ritual Songs in Longhui County, Hunan Province, China, and presents the following topics:

 1. The Religious Function of the Nanyue Ritual Song.

 2. The Social Function of the Nanyue Ritual Song.

 3. The Development of the Worship of Nanyue Ritual Songs in Longhui County.

The [results](https://www.scribbr.com/dissertation/results/) section is where you list the findings of your research. Report the results concisely and objectively, without interpreting their meaning.

In some types of qualitative research, the results and discussion sections may be combined.

*Presenting* [*quantitative*](https://www.scribbr.com/methodology/quantitative-research/) *results:*

* Structure the results around your [research questions](https://www.scribbr.com/research-process/research-questions/) or [hypotheses](https://www.scribbr.com/research-process/hypotheses/).
* Report all results that are relevant to your questions, including any that didn’t fit with your expectations.

*For each question or hypothesis:*

* Summarize the relevant results, including [descriptive statistics](https://www.scribbr.com/statistics/descriptive-statistics/) and the results of any [statistical tests](https://www.scribbr.com/statistics/statistical-tests/) used.
* Briefly state how the result relates to the question or whether the hypothesis was supported.
* Don’t give subjective interpretations or speculation.

*Tables and figures:*

* Include tables and figures if they help the reader understand your results.
* Tables can be used to present exact values in a concise overview.
* Graphs and charts can be used to visualize patterns and relationships.
* Refer to all tables and figures in the text, and give them clear titles and labels.

*Presenting* [*qualitative*](https://www.scribbr.com/methodology/qualitative-research/) *results:*

* Structure the results around research questions or key [themes](https://www.scribbr.com/methodology/thematic-analysis/).
* Make general observations about what the data showed.
* Mention recurring points of agreement or disagreement, patterns and trends.
* Highlight individual responses that were particularly noteworthy.
* Support with direct quotations.

**Chapter VI, VII**

**Conclusion, discussion, and suggestions**

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# Conclusion

The [conclusion](https://www.scribbr.com/dissertation/write-conclusion/) is the last part of your main text. It’s where you wrap up your dissertation, summarizing your main findings and recommendations. No new information or arguments should appear in the conclusion.

*Answer the main* [*research question*](https://www.scribbr.com/research-process/main-research-question-dissertation/)*:*

* Clearly and concisely state the overall conclusion that your research has led you to.

*Reflect on the research:*

* To what extent was your approach effective in answering your questions?
* Did the research raise any new questions or unexpected insights?

*Make recommendations:*

* You can make recommendations for practice (e.g. in business or policy) or for future research.
* Frame practical recommendations as suggestions, not instructions.
* Be specific about research recommendations, explaining how future studies can build on your conclusions.

*Emphasize your contribution:*

* Show what new knowledge you have contributed.
* Leave the reader with a clear impression of why your research matters.

# Discussion

The [discussion](https://www.scribbr.com/dissertation/discussion/) chapter is where you delve into the meaning and relevance of your results. Give your own interpretations and cite relevant sources to put your results in context.

*Interpret your results:*

* What do the results tell us?
* Did they meet your expectations?If not, why might that be?
* Are there any alternative explanations for your findings?

*Discuss the implications:*

* Are the results consistent with previous studies?
* Do the results support or challenge an existing theory?
* Why do these results matter?
* Are there any practical implications?

*Acknowledge the limitations:*

* What can the results *not* tell us?
* Does the data have limited generalizability (e.g. due to your methods or sample size)?
* Are there any potentially relevant variables that you didn’t take into account?

**Suggestions**

 1. Suggestions for using this research

 1.1 …….

 1.2 ………

 2. Suggestions for further research

 2.1 ……

 2.2 …….

# Reference list

The reference list (sometimes called a bibliography) lists full information on all of the sources cited in your dissertation.

Notes

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