

Honors Blog questions:

■ **What was your topic for this research?**

My topic was to figure out whether PowerPoint was better used on PC or Mac.

■ **What was the inquiry question that guided your research?**

Is PowerPoint or Prezi best to use in a Writing 227 class?

■ **How did your inquiry question guide/frame your research? Source Selection**

It helped guide me to figuring out different features and steps that went into the PowerPoint program to see if it was best suitable to use.

■ **What specific criteria did you use to help you select sources during the inquiry process?**

I looked at different features Mac and PC had on their PowerPoint programs, and whether or not they were cross compatible due to the future difference.

■ **Why were these your criteria?**

I had to find the Best program for PowerPoint since Mac and PC programs are a little different from one another.

■ **What is one specific source that you chose not to select during your inquiry process? Explain why you chose not to select this source based on your selection criteria.**

Schmucker, K. (2016, January 21). Differences Between Microsoft Office Mac & Windows. Retrieved from <https://www.parallels.com/blogs/differences-microsoft-office-mac/>.

I ended up not using this blog source because it was too technical to explain to an average student. Although it did include a lot of charts for visual understanding without any background knowledge on the topic the charts would be hard to explain and understand.

■ **What is one specific source that you chose to select during your inquiry process? Explain why you chose to select this source based on your selection criteria.**

Compare PowerPoint features on different platforms. (n.d.). Retrieved from <https://support.office.com/en-us/article/compare-powerpoint-features-on-different-platforms-90986850-227c-4b25-938e-1c5838166b8b>.

I used this source because it comes straight from Windows itself and it has charts that are easy to explain because it lists the exact type of feature for each System Window can use PowerPoint.

■ **What was an obstacle you faced during the source selection process? How did you grapple with and/or overcome this obstacle? Source Overview**

It was hard finding sources that were relevant and closer to this specific year. There was a ton of really old sources that drew me in but I had realized they were from a long time ago so I tried to stay as close to this year as possible.

■ **What were the major things/ideas you learned/discovered about your topic as a result of your inquiry process?**

I have learned that not all systems with the same programs are able to function the same. I also was able to find out about different ways to avoid program problems and what features were the problems between platforms.

■ **For each of the things/ideas you learned/discovered about your topic, explain connections between what you learned and one or more of the sources you selected during your inquiry process.**

The sources I have used have helped me figure out what Mac PowerPoint is capable of and what PC Powerpoint is capable of and whether or not there feature differences really impact there way of presenting.

■ **Which source(s) that you found/selected during your inquiry process were most helpful in helping you answer your inquiry question? Why?**

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I have found this source to be the most helpful because Windows updates it regularly, and it gives all their platforms and what features are compatible on those platforms.

■ **Which source did you find most exciting/interesting? Why? Key Takeaways?**

Robinson, J. (2019, June 17). PowerPoint for Mac vs PowerPoint for Windows – What's the Difference? Retrieved from <https://buffalo7.co.uk/powerpoint-for-mac-vs-windows/>.

I feel this was the most interesting because it goes into clear detail about what's missing between the Mac and PC platforms.

■ **What are some key things you learned about yourself as a researcher during your inquiry process?**

I have learned I struggle with time management and communication because I am a very busy person. I never really realize it until I had five people in my group messaging me about parts for the final report drafts and final finishing steps.

■ **Based on what you learned during this inquiry process, what are some key things you'll revise about your approach to inquiry the next time you engage in the inquiry process? Why will you make these changes?**

I think I would change giving me a little more time and starting earlier for the final draft of my section in the group report because I seemed to be missing stuff when we were putting the final report together. It was very stressful and I think I should plan accordingly to make sure if there is an issue there isn't a rush to get it done.

■ **What is one thing you found really successful about your inquiry process? Why do you think it was so successful?**

I think being able to problem solve a section using resources I had gathered already to complete one final section was very successful. I think having backup resources and citations is a good way to keep focus if something goes wrong or the resource used ended up not working out.

■ **Based on your experiences as a researcher, what are three tips you would give to other researchers who are engaging in the inquiry process? Be sure to explain why you'd offer each tip.**

1. Time management because trying to fit in last minute time, makes for no the best quality of writing.

2. Ask your group mates for as much help as needed because I certainly wish I did then I wouldn't have missed a section of writing for the final report.
3. Make sure you take care of yourself, getting sick not only impacts your performance but in a group project it affects the whole group as well.