

Paper # 2

Normal Science vs. Extraordinary Science

Thesis

First of all, there is no single thesis statement. Two sentences could work in some case; however, these sentences do not form a single cogent argument about which the paper will be based. In fact, the two sentences seem to have little to do with each other. Finally, they do not agree with the title of the paper. I would recommend determining from the beginning specifically what your argument is to be to better clarify it to the reader.

Strength of Arguments

Many of your arguments are good, albeit, disorganized. Your use of quotations is very appropriate and greatly enhances your arguments while giving your credibility. However, you do not have any citations for these quotes and may want to consider including those.

Logic/Speculative Arguments

Your arguments are not speculative; they are almost entirely grounded in fact and supported by quotations. Again, they would appear even less speculative if citations were included.

Flow

In some cases, transitions are noticeably awkward and severely hamper the flow of the paper. For example, in the first body paragraph, you begin with "To begin with." It is clear to the reader that you are beginning as your introduction has

just ended, thus it serves little purpose to include that phrase. Also in more than one case, commas are missing after paragraph transitions. This makes the reader less likely to buy into that paragraph from the start.

Word Choice/Syntax

This section clearly causes you the worst problems for the paper. The writing errors, left out words, spelling errors and awkward prose *really* take away from what you have to say. I know this is a first draft and isn't graded, but you will have a tough time fixing all of the errors. I will show some examples below but listing all of them would take a very long time.

Paragraph #1

- Line 1: insert commas before and after title
- Line 1: Titles of books should be italicized
- Line 2: delete "it is this"
- Line 3: delete "it is this"
- Line 3: Capitalize "normal," delete "that"
- Line 4: consider replacing "run" with operate
- Line 4: Delete "the" and capitalize "normal"
- Lines 5-6: Italicize title, insert commas before and after title
- Unify/revise thesis

Paragraph #2

- Line 1: delete "to begin with," un-capitalize "normal science," place "Kuhn's concepts" at the front of the sentence

- Line 3: insert “on” after “chapter”
- Line 3: delete “on” after “novel”
- Line 4: delete “s” off “problems solving”
- Line 6: insert comma after “science,” replace “where” with “because”
- Line 7: delete “under”
- Line 10: replace “many” with “a series of”

Etc.

Good luck, even just fixing the grammatical errors will make the paper good, and making the other changes will make it very good.