Task Analysis for Writing a Simple Research Paper

Strategies	Skills Required
Choose a topic	Idea generation
Research that topic	Ability to use multi-media sources for research
Write down important and interesting information on note cards	Ability to distinguish between relevant and irrelevant information
Sort note cards into categories with similar types of information	Ability to group information according to similarities
 Make an outline including: Introduction Body – using the two or three categories of note cards that have the most and most interesting information Conclusion 	 How to write an outline What an introduction should contain What a body should contain What a conclusion should contain
 Write a rough draft making sure you have: A complete introduction with a complete paragraph or two The body of your paper is well supported and written in complete paragraphs, with complete sentences The conclusion of your paper summarizes what you said and makes any conclusions that you wanted to make 	 Basic knowledge of how to write a paper: Complete sentences Complete paragraphs Relevant paragraphs Paper components and how to write them Introduction Body Conclusion
Type out your rough using spelling and grammar check to make sure your spelling and grammar is correct, and make any necessary changes	Typing skillsKnowledge of a basic Word Processing program
Have a teacher or knowledgeable person proofread your paper and make any changes or give any suggestions that they might have	Know who would be knowledgeable person to ask for assistance
Rewrite you paper and make any necessary adjustments	 Know how to take criticism Know how to make corrections with the Word Processing program
Look over and make sure it looks good	Knowledge of what a paper is supposed to look like