



Writing a research paper is an effective method of improving reading competencies

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The importance
of reading
competence


One of the most important tasks of a modern school is to teach students to be able to read and understand texts properly. It is one of the essential competencies of a modern person, helping to study independently, acquire a profession and participate in the life of society.

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How to make
reading not a
boring
activity?

In order to make it easier for students to acquire the basics of general and subject competences, it is important to:

involve students themselves in learning;
to strive for students to raise issues that are relevant to them and to seek answers to their questions.



Writing a research (maturity work) is an effective method of promoting reading

In order to encourage senior students to take an interest in literature, to improve their reading and writing skills, it is suggested to write a research paper (maturity paper) in Lithuanian literature or language.



Maturity work

Maturity work is a long-term work of a secondary school student (several students), which is prepared in the educational process, starting in the III or IV gymnasium class. Maturity work can be prepared from any subject in the individual curriculum of the secondary education program.

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Benefits of research work

Students have the opportunity to:

- study with a teacher or independently;
- work in a group or independently;
- plan learning time;
- work with various sources of information;
- apply knowledge in practice.



Existing and
new
knowledge is
applied


When examining a problem, the search for a solution uses existing and new knowledge in various subjects:

- learning to collect and analyze the necessary information;
- systematize high-volume material;
- be self-critical and be able to discuss other perspectives critically;
- understand the goals and perspectives of their work;
- to combine theoretical knowledge with practical work;
- to understand the main processes taking place in society.



Experiencing the joy of cognition


Research activities stimulate students' curiosity, and the choice of topic, material analysis, research, or creative expression provide opportunities for expression and intuition.

- These activities provide opportunities for the student to monitor and enjoy their progress.
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Students get
to know their
cultural
environment
better

The aim is for the chosen topics to relate to the immediate environment and be relevant to the student:

activities "help to connect the content of general education with one's country, living environment, to solve problems creatively, to adequately assess reality." [\(Projektai: galima mokytis kitaip | Ugdymas \(ugdome.lt\)\)](#)



In cooperation with the students, the topics of the two mature works were chosen

The choice of the topic of the maturity work aims to:

- the topic would be related to the cultural environment of the place of residence, famous personalities, the history of the country;

- the topic must be interesting, engaging and relevant to the students.




Maturity
work, topic I

Poetic topography of Alytus
city space and time in the
collection of poems by Jurgis
Kunčinas “Malūnų street
without mills”





The aim of Maturity work

- To reveal the poetic topography of Alytus city space and time in the collection of J. Kunčinas' poems "Malūnų street without mills".
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Reached result

- The poetic topography of Alytus city space mentioned in J. Kunčinas' collection of poems “Malūnų street without mills” was analyzed in the work, the most prominent objects of nature and city infrastructure were discussed.
- The references of history in the poems of Alytus city are clarified.
- The emotional relationship of the lyrical subject of the poems on this topic to space and time is revealed.

Maturity
work Topic II

Semantics of Alytus city street names




Aim of
Maturity
work

To analyze the street
names of Alytus city from
the lexical-semantic point
of view.





Reached
result


- The semantics of Alytus city street names derived from real and common nouns were analyzed.
 - The aim of the work was to reveal the general features of the historical development of city street names.
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What students learnt?

- Deepened text reading, analysis and interpretation skills.
- Learned to apply research methods: collect data, classify them, compare them; performed quantitative data analysis.
- Learned to understand the topic of the work, to formulate the goal and objectives, to draw clear and motivated conclusions.



What
students
knew about?

- The writing of Mature's work has led students to take a deeper interest in the interrelationships between the life and work of writers and poets, the history and the present of the hometown.
 - The students were convinced that creative work and research could be full of the most interesting discoveries.
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Interesting moments of the research



Resources/ links

- [\(brandos darbo programa.docx \(smm.lt\)\)](#)
- [\(Projektai: galima mokytis kitaip | Ugdymas \(ugdome.lt\)\)](#)
- [Projektas kaip metodas | Ugdymas \(ugdome.lt\)](#)
- [Skaitymo-kompetenciju-ugdymo-metodika.pdf \(smm.lt\)](#)

