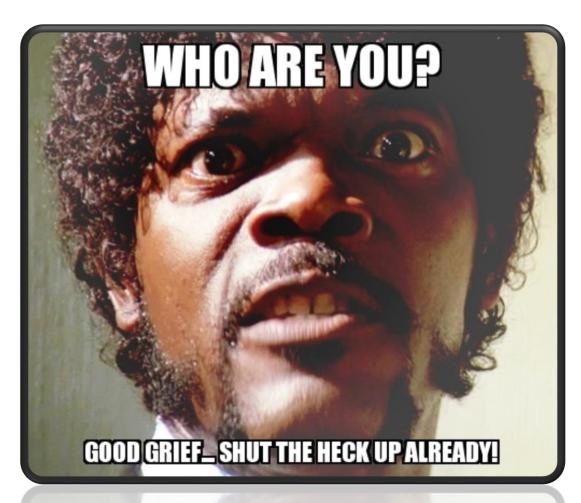


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# The Process

# 6 Steps to Completing Your Dissertation



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DESPAIR



PROCRASTINATION



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PANIC



PRINTING





## **Your Committee**

The choice is yours...choose wisely!

- The Chair
- Committee Member 1, 2, & 3
- Report of Thesis/Dissertation Committee
- Graduate Faculty Representative

#### YOUR THESIS COMMITTEE

Also known as: an impossibly difficult group to get together in one room but who nevertheless hold your future in their hands depending on their ability to reach a civilized consensus,











Strawman/woman



Nice guy. Still doesn't believe No opinions just a few months ago they were on the other side just like you. Pretends to be



Simultaneously your biggest ally and your worst enemy. Will be the first to suggest you do more work.

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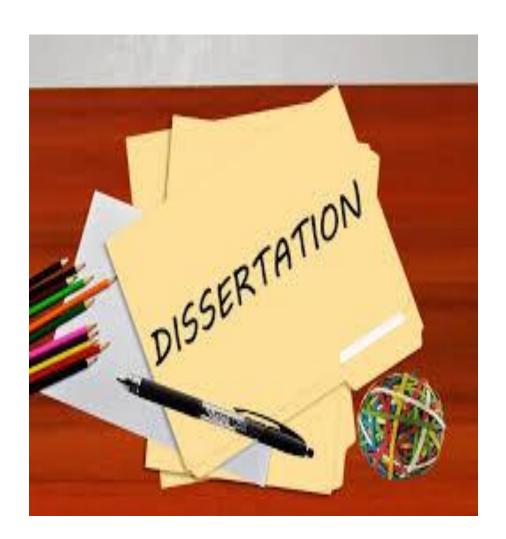


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### Time to Write

And so the adventure begins......

- Chapter 1ish
- Chapter 2
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- Chapter 3
- Chapter 4
- Chapter 2 (lit to support additional findings)
- Chapter 5



### **Chapter 1- Introduction**

*In the beginning.....* 

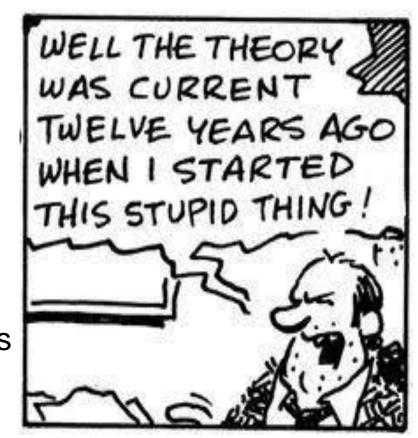
- Statement of the Problem
- Theoretical Orientation/Conceptual Framework
- Purpose of the Study
- Research Questions and/or Hypothesis
- Definition of Terms
- Delimitations of the Study
- Significance of the Study



## **Chapter 2- Review of the Literature**

*Is it grounded in the literature?* 

- Current/Valid sources
- Annotations
- Relevance of the Literature
- Analysis & Synthesis within Strands
- Summary: Synthesis of the Literature across strands





## **Chapter 3- Methodology**

### Your Biggest Challenge

- Assumptions and Rationale for Research Approach
- Specific Strategy of Inquiry/Design
- Role of the Researcher
- Sample OR Participants or Informants
- Instrumentation
- Data Collection Procedures
- Data Analysis Procedures
- Trustworthiness & Transferability or Reliability, Validity, and Generalizability





### **Proposal Defense**

You are getting there

- Proposal Defense
- IRB (if needed)
- Data Collection





## **Chapter 4- Results**

Survey says.....

- Qualitative
- Quantitative
- Experiments





## **Chapter 5- Discussion and Implications**

#### So what does this all mean?

- Discussion of the Results
- Relationship to Prior Research
- Implications
  - » Practice
  - » Leadership or Policy
  - Theory or Design
- Recommendations of Future Research
- Limitations of the Study
- Conclusion





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### The Final

#### You are almost there

- The Pre-Defense
- THE FINAL DEFENSE!!!!





### The Purpose Driven PhD

The PhD in Me

- Purpose
- Community
- Connection
- Discipline
- Presence
- Love

