How to write the background section of a simple research article

The background section is important. You need to ① introduce the topic; ② teach the reader about your topic and provide lots of interesting information; ③ state the issue or controversy; and ④ state why you are doing the research. There are four points listed above; how many paragraphs do you see below?

Note: the example below is short and simple; your writing should have more information.

Background

AKB48 is a popular Japanese music group, of which there are some issues about the quality of the music they produce. Firstly, a description is provided. Then a discussion of the issues about music quality including a description of why AKB48 fails to show quality music. Finally, an explanation of why this research is done.

1. Introduce the paragraph topic.
2. Teach the reader about your topic. Assume the reader knows nothing about it. Only provide information relevant to your theme.
3. Provide evidence to support your opinion.

AKB48 is an all-girls Japanese pop music group. They were formed in 2005 in Akihabara, Tokyo [1]. They are an organized and managed music group, so the performers do not write or produce their own music, nor do they create their own choreography. They are managed by Yasushi Akimoto [1], who runs them as a business, not as a creative music group.

1. Introduce the paragraph topic.
2. Teach the reader about your opinion.
3. Provide evidence to support your opinion.

AKB48 is a music group designed to turn maximum profit, and provide little for true music aficionados. According to Wikipedia, “the band's style can be loosely characterized as bubblegum pop”, and “All songs are choreographed, therefore the group's performances turn into a synchronized dancing show” [1], resembling a North Korean ‘Mass Games’. The emphasis of AKB48 is to earn money from regular theatre performances, maximising CD sales, earning money for modelling for product advertisements, including pachinko slot machines (see photo below). In short, AKB48 is not music art, it is a business.

1. Introduce the paragraph topic.
2. Explain your reason or motive for the research.
3. State clearly your research question.

The research is important as little is known about how much influence media has on the minds of young people. That is, have young university-aged adults effectively been brainwashed by AKB48 advertising and euphoria? So, These young people will be asked if they like AKB48, as well as what are some examples of high quality music in modern culture.

References


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