#### Abstract

**An abstract is a short summary of a research paper. This is a typical example. Read this example, and follow the steps to describe your own research paper.**

**State / describe topic -** “Two Years Are Better Than Four” discusses the benefits of community college. This is largely based on Liz Addison’s personal experience.

**State a problem with the topic** - One issue with this text is it is very short, and only has one perspective.

**How does YOUR essay help** – My research essay sought to find out more about what community college is like for people.

**How did you write the paper -** I studied local and national schools, and got many perspectives.

**What did your paper find -** What I found was many people find community colleges beneficial, but that a lot of improvements could be made.