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Using Bias-Free Language in Academic Writing

What is Bias-Free which

words and phrases can single out… Against distracting in the "politically correct…

Writing in unbiased language can be an adjustment, but it is an important part of

to write in an academic tone within your discipline. Use online dictionaries and

area's style guide (e.g. APA, MLA, or Chicago) to help identify and choose terms

After you have finished a draft of your paper, you might want to use your word

"find" editing function to identify any "biased" terms you may have missed. Some

given condition and the

Examples:

- Blind   Person who is blind
- Cripple   Person with a mobility impairment
- Handicapped   Person with a disability
- Invalid   Person with a disability
- Normal   Person without a disability
- Congenital defect   Person who has a congenital disability
- Epileptic   Person who has epilepsy
- Mentally ill   Person with a mental illness
- Sufferer   Person with a disability (does not necessarily suffer)
- Wheelchair-bound   Person who uses a wheelchair / wheelchair user

™RACIAL AND ETHNIC IDENTITY

Topics relating to race are often integral academic discourse. Make an effort to use language for discussing race and ethnicity that is inclusive and respectful; this may require doing some additional ritgthften int-35.32 (o)3 (r d)1a p (t (u)-5 (s)l)-1 (r)-[(in)[()2 (u)-5 ((l)-(n)1 r (l)-1 (rup 1 (rf p