

Academic Writing Exercise

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Example: The History of Tomatoes

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Simple internet search

Find one 'standard' online reference for your title.

Copy the title, author, source, date and weblink

- Origin of Tomatoes. The Ancient American Plant and its Culinary Significance.
- Shalra Mirza, Food, World History, March 11 2024
- <https://historycooperative.org/origin-of-tomatoes/>

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De Andrew F. Smith

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Andrew F. Smith

Write a short article, with references to the two sources

David Rees. Introduction to Political Economy 2025. Group 5.

The History of Tomatoes

Ever since I was young, which is now quite some time ago, I have loved tomatoes. Sowing tomatoes, growing tomatoes, eating tomatoes, cooking tomatoes. But where do they come from? As Mirza points out (2024), we can find the origins in Mesoamerica¹ and the region of modern-day Mexico. Over half a billion tonnes of tomatoes are produced every year (Smith, 2021)

Sources



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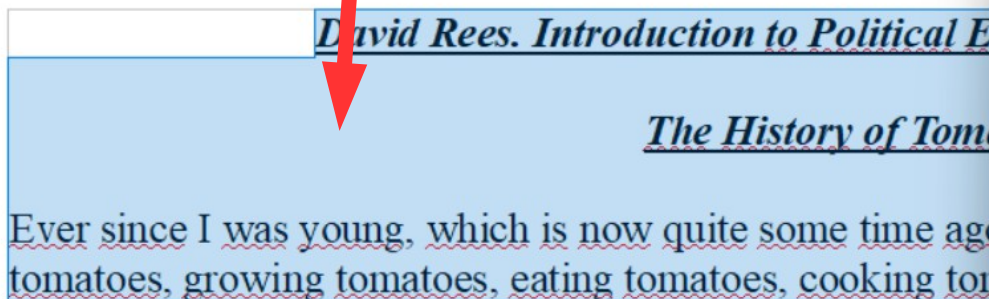
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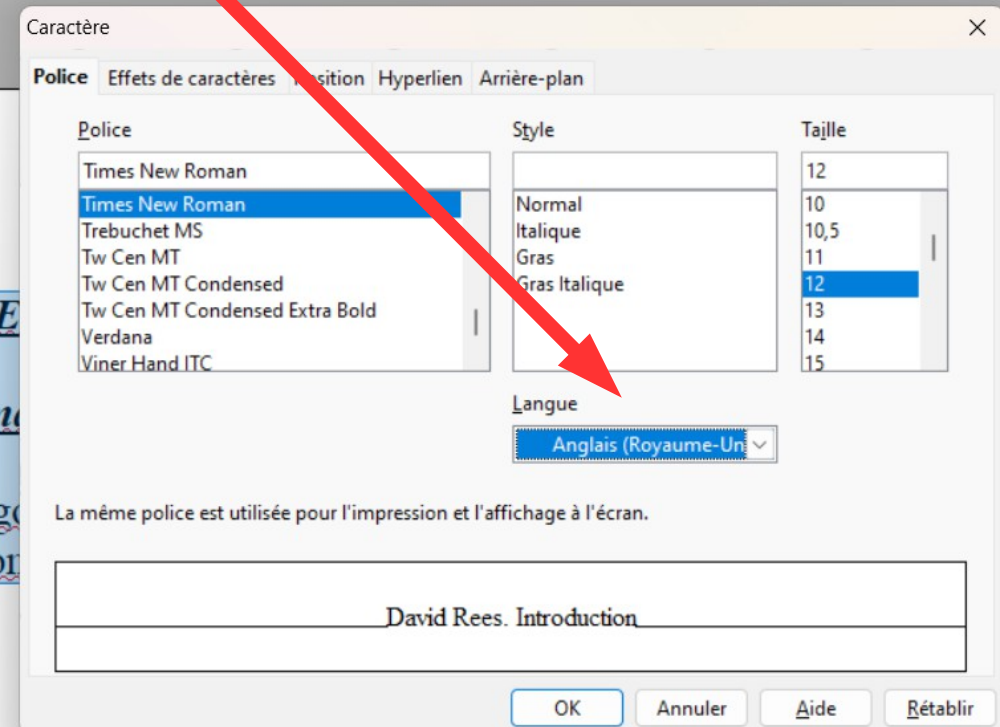
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Footnotes

1 Mesoamerica is a region in North and Central America

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"We had no respect for traditional wisdom or the restraints of custom. We lacked reverence... for everything and everyone" (Rosenbaum, 1995, p95)

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Make a quotation (maybe from one of the articles, or else make one up) and include it in your article.

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So far, I have this:

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From the Americas to Australasia, from northern Europe to southern Africa, the tomato tickles the world's taste buds. Americans alone devour more than twelve million tons annually of this peculiar fruit, variously considered poisonous, curative, and aphrodisiacal. In this first concerted study of the tomato in America, Andrew F. Smith separates myth from historical fact, beginning with the Salem, New Jersey, man who, in 1820, allegedly attracted spectators from hundreds of miles to watch him eat a tomato on the courthouse

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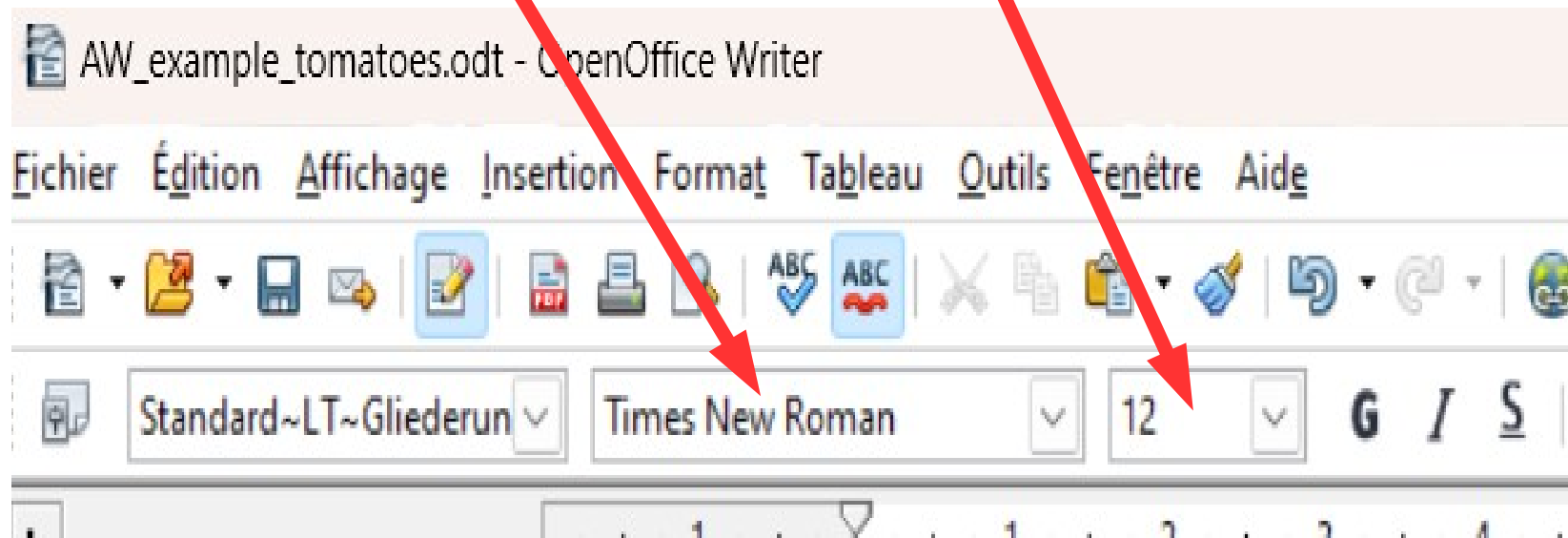
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