

RESEARCH PAPER REQUIREMENTS

<u>Format:</u>	<p>MLA format, 12-point font, all double-spaced. Margins must be 1 inch all the way around the pages. Paper must be written in third person, no first or second. No sentences faults or weak sentences: i.e. "The purpose of this paper is to ..."</p> <p>It is strongly suggested that you purchase or borrow a copy of the <i>MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers</i>, 5th edition. You may use this web site http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/research/r_mla.html to help you conform to MLA Style. You will be given a research paper style sheet packet to help you correctly document sources.</p>
<u>Length:</u>	2,000 words or approximately eight pages. No more than 15% of your paper can be direct quotes.
<u>Sources:</u>	<p>FYI: Literary sources for this paper CANNOT come from Sparknotes, Cliffnotes, or any other sort of literary study guide.</p> <p>Literary sources CANNOT come from any site such as 123helpme.com or smartessay.com. The works on these sites are students'. They have no more knowledge of the work than you do. Do NOT stake your grade on this.</p> <p>A minimum of 10 sources must be used. Each of these sources must be used in your paper and correctly cited on the Works Cited page. Sources must be respectable. You may NOT use an encyclopedia. (You may NOT use online encyclopedias either.) Four sources may be electronic, but no more. At least two periodicals and at least two books should be used.</p> <p>Periodicals must be actual hard copies of periodicals or must come from Galileo. No others will be accepted.</p> <p>If you have more than ten sources, the number of electronic sources can still NOT be more than four.</p>
<u>Research:</u>	You MUST turn in a photocopy of all research. Highlight the parts on the copies that you use in your paper. You MUST turn in note cards.
<u>Parenthetical</u>	Any fact you use to support the thesis of your paper must be documented, whether the fact is directly quoted or in your own words.

<u>Documentation:</u>	<p>If you do not document a fact that supports your thesis, you are guilty of plagiarism.</p> <p>If you use a writer's exact words but do not give credit and/or do not place the exact words in quotation marks or indent them (whichever applies), you have committed plagiarism.</p> <p>FOLLOW MLA GUIDELINES FOR YOUR CITATIONS!!!</p> <p><u>PLAGIARISM WILL RESULT IN A FAILING GRADE.</u></p>
<u>Outline</u>	A topic outline will be typed and submitted.
<u>Final Draft:</u>	<p>The final paper is to be bound in the following manner: Place the final, typed paper in a folder with two pockets--the paper on one side, the photo/hard copies on the other. Note cards and bib cards should be placed in a Ziploc bag or large clasp envelope and turned in with your paper. Write your name on the bag and the folder.</p> <p>The typed paper consists of the outline, the text of the research paper, and the Works Cited.</p> <p><i>Your paper must be submitted via a readable electronic format. (floppy disk, CD, email, jump drive) and a printed copy must accompany the disk in order for your paper to receive a grade. There are no exceptions to this requirement! No electronic version = no grade!</i></p>

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