

Final Research Paper

Purpose

Your final 7-10 page paper should take a position, select and integrate sources, and develop an original persuasive argument using APA style and documentation.

Components

1.0 Abstract

1.1 A short objective summary of your argument and main points.

2.0 Bibliography

2.1 MLA style

2.2 This should look similar to your annotated bibliography, but you must include the specific sources you used in YOUR research paper.

3.0 Outline

3.1 This detailed formal outline will help organize the main points of your paper.

3.2 Consider the main points in your abstract. How would you arrange them to make a logical argument?

3.3 What subpoints will you make within each point?

3.4 This outline becomes your Table of Contents page.

4.0 Body of the paper

4.1 Expand upon your main points and subpoints.

4.2 Consider the various techniques of summary, evaluation, analysis, and synthesis.

4.3 Include a final References page for the sources you cite in your paper.

Audience

Your peers and instructor comprise the same uninformed academic audience as your project presentation.

Evaluation

250 points total:

- Detailed outline and Abstract—Thesis included (in your Personal Conference)
- Rough Draft (April 25th)
- Final 7-10 page research paper: (Due day of your final)

Getting Started

Consider the following questions before/as you draft:

- What, exactly, is the issue or controversy being researched?
- What background does your audience need to know to understand the complexity of the issue?
- How can you hook the audience?
- What is the specific argument (thesis) you make in response to the issue?
- How can you break the issue down into logical points?
- What other perspectives on the issue inform and influence your research?
- How do these other perspectives dialogue with one another? How can you turn their arguments into a conversation in your research paper?
- What conclusion can you make or solution can you propose as a result of your argument?

