

2008 Research Paper

Expectations: You will follow given steps to create a research paper. As each step is explained and demonstrated, you will follow the process to complete your own step of the project. You will be expected to complete each step as assigned. There are different ways to put a research project together. However, I want you to follow these steps, to help you understand the process.

Schedule: Below is the schedule of due dates for each part of this project. You will receive a grade for turning work in on time.

- March 17th** Assignment made; discuss topic and getting books and reference page.
You will have _____ for your topic City
- March 19th** You will **return the parent/student contract (5 points extra credit)**
Discuss plagiarism. A list of information that is required about the reference cards will be given. In class, we will learn the required method of citing the references. We will be using the MLA research style. This is the style you will use in junior high and high school.
- March 24th** **Reference page is due. (5 points extra credit if complete)**
You should have at least (6) references.
(at least one from a reference book, one from encyclopedia, one from the internet, and one personal interview) The other two sources can be your choice, --example: magazine, brochure, map, another reference book, etc—However, you are only allowed a maximum of (2) internet sites. You will discuss working on a Bibliography page in computers and need to be prepared with some sources. (Our organizational briefcases will be made)
- March 25th - Bring resources to class!** We will collect information. We will write a formal outline and record information on note cards this entire coming week in class.
- April 4th** **Information cards and Outline are due.** I will give you a grade. This entire week we will work on writing the rough draft. It is hard to write without information cards so make sure they are complete! **(50 cards are required – 1 pt each)**
- April 11th** **Rough Draft DUE!!** Must be complete on form handed out in class and handwritten. Grade will be given **(60 pts possible)**
- April 21st** Work on revisions and editing during Language class

- April 24th** Work on revisions and editing during Language class
- April 30th -** Work on typing Final draft in computers and power point presentations
- May 1st** Work on typing Final draft in computers and power-point presentations
- May 2nd** Completed Bibliography/ Works Cited/Title page Due
- May 9th** **Final Draft DUE!!** Grade will be given. **(200 points possible)**
- May 19th -21st** – **Sales Seminar—Oral Presentations—**Power points
Grades will be given. **(40 points possible)**
- Total points possible for the entire project -- 330 points possible**
-- 20 points (extra credit possible)

Dear Parents,

We are starting our final writing project for the year. It will be a major project and require a lot of work. We will dedicate a large part of our Language class time to working on this project. However, the students may still need to do some of the work at home. Since we are fast approaching the end of the year, we are asking for your support with this project. It will be a big part of their language grade for this last term and they will want to do well. We will also be posting a copy of the grading rubric for your information on the web site.

**Thank you,
Mrs. Mickelsen and Mrs. Howden**