

## Research Paper

You are to write a research paper. This paper will be half of your final exam grade

Remember that research papers are expository OR argumentative. You must pick ONE style to write your essay. You may not reuse old essays. You must pick something you want to learn more about and are interested in.

**Your essay must have the following requirements:**

- Be entirely in MLA format
  - Works cited page
    - Don't forget the hanging indent!
    - Don't forget it's in alphabetical order!
  - In-text citations
  - Double spaced
  - Times New Roman size 12
  - Have a header
  - Have a heading
  - Have a title
- Be a MINIMUM of 3 FULL pages—NOT including the works cited page.
- Have AT LEAST 4 different sources
- Meets the definition of a research paper
- Is expository (analytical) OR argumentative

Pick ONE of the topics provided to you. If there is a topic NOT on this list, you must talk to me FIRST before you start your essay.

### Deadlines:

Topic: ~~Topic~~ ~~Topic~~ Thurs 12/1

Outline: MON 12/5

RD1: Tues 12/6

RD2: ~~Topic~~ Thurs 12/8

Final Draft: MON 12/12

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### Outline:

- I. Intro
  - a. Hook
    - i.
  - b. Background info of topic
    - i.
    - ii.
    - iii.
  - c. Thesis
    - i.
- II. Body Paragraph 1
  - a. Transition word
    - i.
  - b. Topic sentence
    - i.
  - c. Evidence/quote
    - i.
  - d. Explanation of quote
    - i.
  - e. Evidence/quote
    - i.
  - f. Explanation of quote
    - i.
  - g. Clincher sentence
- III. Body Paragraph 2
  - a. Transition word
    - i.
  - b. Topic sentence
    - i.
  - c. Evidence/quote
    - i.
  - d. Explanation of quote
    - i.
  - e. Evidence/quote
    - i.
  - f. Explanation of quote
    - i.
- IV. Body Paragraph 3
  - a. Transition word
    - i.
  - b. Topic sentence
    - i.
  - c. Evidence/quote
    - i.
  - d. Explanation of quote
    - i.
  - e. Evidence/quote
    - i.
  - f. Explanation of quote
    - i.
  - g. Clincher sentence
- V. Counter Argument/Rebuttal
  - a. Transition word
    - i.
  - b. Topic sentence
    - i.
  - c. Evidence/quote
    - i.
  - d. Explanation of quote
    - i.
  - e. Evidence/quote
    - i.
  - f. Explanation of quote
    - i.
  - g. Clincher sentence
    - i.
- VI. Conclusion
  - a. Reworded thesis statement
    - i.
  - b. Summary of essay
    - i.
    - ii.
    - iii.
  - c. Final Thought