

Research Project Assignment Sheet

Objectives: For the next several weeks we will learn to conduct and compile research into an organized report form. You will learn the best sources for your information and how to properly cite that information. Furthermore, you will learn how to write in MLA format. Lastly, you will learn how to share a main point with your reader and give adequate support for that main point.

Topic: You may choose to write about anything at all for this research project, but keep in mind that you must be able to find good information on your topic.

Requirements:

- A clear main idea presented as a claim that you can argue! This is called a **thesis**.
- 5 total paragraphs:
 - An introduction containing a thesis
 - Three paragraphs that support the claim of your thesis
 - A conclusion that restates your thesis and supporting details
- Minimum of 750 words (around 3 pages double spaced)
- Proper MLA format, including in-text citations and a works cited page
- Minimum of 3 research sources which are *directly* quoted and cited in each body paragraph.
- Evidence of revision and editing, resulting in clear presentation of information and minimal grammatical mistakes.

Process: For this project we will sequentially develop the following:

- A flowchart depicting your main idea, three supports, and potential research sources
- An outline that includes your thesis, each supporting detail, and the contents within each paragraph
- A list of your research sources and a short explanation of how each source supports your main idea
- A rough draft for revision
- A rough draft for editing

This may seem like a lot, but we will work through it together! My hope is that each of you will have fun as you learn a very valuable skills and process! You will do great!