

SENIOR Research Paper Information

Due Dates:

By 10/1/08 – Thesis due

By 11/3/08 – Outline due (WITH FINAL THESIS)

By 11/21/08 – EXTRA Credit Turn-in (5 points)

On 12/1/08 – Paper due (you have had over three months)

12/2/08 – 25% off

12/3/08 – 50% off

12/4/08 – 75% off and LAST DAY TO TURN IN

Length and form:

- Double space with standard margins (1 inch). Font should be no larger than 12.sI
- Always keep a copy in more than one location. You must turn in a hard copy (no excuses).
- You must have a title page.

Include:

Full Name

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Title (required)

Date

- Body 6-12 Pages of text - pictures, etc. **do not** count as text.
- Highlight the thesis statement, which should appear in your first paragraph.
- APA Citation (see hand-out or look online). Don't forget parenthetical notations in text.
- Authoritative References (Minimums). At least 50% must be literary. Properly site for credit.

10 Total:

2 must be from books

2 **may** be from the Internet (watch that it is not just uneducated opinion)

6 must be authoritative – books, journals, etc.

More and premium research will earn you a better grade. The above are minimums. This is a training tool for college. Start now and you will benefit more. Wait to the last minute and you will get a poor grade and miss the process. If you need help, talk to me (before or after school) – early.

Research Paper Helps:

- Use the sites on the student portal. These are easy and free to you.
- Go to a public or college library and talk to the research librarian. **Two visits required.**
- Look for versions of novels you may use that include literary analysis (Norton Critical Edition, New Riverside Editions, etc). This material can be used as reference and will help you with your thesis.
- Supplement handouts with research on the Internet.
- Start with a strong thesis statement (what your paper is trying to prove). –*Handout*
- Introduce content of your paper in your first paragraph (essay style) - *Handout*
- Document everything using APA style. – *Handout*
- Be mindful of the research grading rubric – *Handout*
- Look through and check-out a research notebook – *Available in Class*

Remember:

- The paper **must be a on a literary subject** (novel, play, poetry, character, writing style, theme, motif, symbolism, etc.), not world hunger, global warning, etc. If in question please get approval from the teacher. This is a major grade and you do not want a zero for picking the wrong topic.
- The paper must have a strong thesis that you are proving by your argument. The form may be compare/contrast, or the following through on a theme, symbol, etc.
- Must have authoritative sources (literary and information relating to your topic).
- Modern works will be harder to get authoritative sources for.

Have Research Librarian sign (minimum of two times):

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