

9th Grade Research Paper Requirements

Our Focus: Students will research a career path that interests them and fits with their skills and abilities.

Requirements:

1. The research paper will include three parts:
 - a. Selected Career Description: Outline portion and 1.5 to 2 pages
 - b. Selected Education/Training: Outline portion and 1.5 to 2 pages
 - c. My Academic Profile and EDP info: Outline and 1.5 to 2 pages
2. The research paper must typed.
 - a. 12-point font (Arial or Times New Roman)
 - b. Double-spaced
 - c. 1 inch margins
 - d. MLA citations
 - e. Work Cited page
3. The report must include at least 5 citations and 5 different sources.
4. The Work Cited page must have at least 5 sources - three of these sources are to be of a different type. For instance, you may use a newspaper, a magazine article, an encyclopedia, a web site that is a reliable source, a video, a radio program, etc. **A personal interview in a required source.** There must not be only one type of source.

Content

1. Thesis - end of paragraph #1 (Make it a closed thesis)
2. Topic sentences for each body paragraph (Keep details out of the T.S.)
3. FOLLOW OUTLINE!!!
4. At least 5 pieces of evidence used throughout the paper

Revise and Edit

1. Spell check...please (try signing up for Grammarly.com)
2. Look for...
 - a. Run-ons
 - b. Fragments
 - c. Awkward sentences
 - d. Misused words
 - e. No use of the word 'You'
3. Proofread....please (again...try signing up for Grammarly.com)
4. In-text citation format - use Citation Machine (link under Student Resources)
5. Transition words between paragraphs and within paragraphs
6. Word Choice - no garbage words/informal language
7. No text talk
8. Avoid changing tense (Ex. Using 'is' and then changing to 'was')
9. Spell out all words under 10
10. Capitalize proper nouns
11. No links or URLs allowed in the paper
12. Do not end a paragraph with a quote - leave yourself room to explain why you included it

Paper Timeline - Due Dates

1. **Outline: Thursday, April 14** - Outline is located in Google Classroom AND I passed one out
2. **Intro Paragraph: Thursday, April 14** - Write on lined paper & turn in by the end of the hour
3. **Rough Draft: Tuesday, April 19** - Google Docs - Visit a Printing kiosk and bring one to class
4. **Peer Edit: Thursday, April 21st** - Two people - timed rotate
5. **Final Draft: Friday, April 22nd** - Turn in outline, rough draft, peer edit papers, & final draft (visit kiosk)