

Research Essay Assignment Sheet

Once your Annotated Bibliography is complete, you will commence work on your Research Essay using the sources you summarized, assessed, and reflected on for your Annotated Bibliography. The goal of your Research Essay is to discuss the implications of your research on your question and come to a conclusion that makes the most logical sense to you based on what your sources say.

Research Essay Requirements:

- MLA formatting
- 4 - 6 pages (guideline, not a rule)
- Must cite information from all 6+ sources
 - Direct quotes with in-text citations, direct quotes with parenthetical citations, paraphrasing with in-text citations, and paraphrasing with parenthetical citations

General Structure:

- I. Introduction
 - A. Provide a general statement about your overall topic (hook)
 - B. Provide more specific information about your general topic
 1. Ex. Mention why this topic is important to you
 2. Ex. Give background information on the topic
 - C. End with your question as written on your Question Proposal Sheet
- II. Body Paragraphs - (Have as many as you need to convey all important ideas and research)
 - A. Provide topic sentences
 1. Give your paragraph a direction
 - B. Examine and/or compare/contrast aspects of the question
 - C. Provide 2+ pieces of evidence (with intro and explanation) per paragraph
 1. Use direct quotes with in-text citations, direct quotes with parenthetical citations, paraphrasing with in-text citations, AND paraphrasing with parenthetical citations throughout your paragraphs
 - a) Remember: You need to cite each of your 6+ sources at least once
- III. Thesis Paragraph
 - A. State what you believe to be the best answer/course of action
 - B. Include a counter argument (salute and smash)
 1. Ex. Although some believe... , I have come to find...
 - C. Reflect on the significance of your findings
- IV. Conclusion Paragraph
 - A. Briefly sum up your main points
 - B. Include a call to action
 1. Now that we know this, what should your readers do?

You will be expected to revise and edit your Research Essay in order to achieve proficiency on multiple writing and language standards. Your ability to use feedback to refine your Research Essay will be assessed.

This assessment is **due to Turnitin.com Monday, December 16th by 11:59 pm**. In addition to submitting your essay, you must also submit your outline, rough draft, peer review, and self-review. Please note that our class exam period will be work/relax time, and Friday, December 20th, will be a voucher day.