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Period _____

English 12

Date: _____

Welcome to your English 12 Research Paper!

This Research Paper will be unlike any other you have written before - all of the process will be done electronically and you will be learning about a lot of new technology tools that you can use in your life post-Neshaminy High School!

Let's get started.

Neshaminy, so kindly, has set every student up with a Google account. This provides you with access to Gmail, Google Drive, and (my personal favorite) Google Classroom.

Your account: studentid@nsdstu.org

Password: your login password



Please set this up now.

When you have logged into your google account, please go to Today's Meet and make a login there.

Join Today's Meet - Room AubreyEnglish12 - Answer the following PDN question: What have you learned over the past three years in terms of writing a research paper? Create a list of three rules that will be necessary to follow / remember for this assignment.

On the Google Classroom page, you will find the assignment handout, the rubric, and the calendar for your research paper. This project will contain multiple steps and each step will be graded along the way. You will also be given "on task points" for days we are in the library/computer lab, which means no goofing off, no games, and no sleeping! ☺

RESEARCH PAPER ASSIGNMENT

120 Points - PA Writing Assessment Domain Scoring Guide + MLA component



You are going to use your research skills to develop a report on a selected event, invention, or person from the 21st century which/who has significantly impacted America and/or the world. You should form an opinion with three arguments (thesis statement - Global warming is harming the Earth because a, b and c). You will defend your thesis in three to five pages.

Directions / Tips:

- Be sure to choose a topic that you feel strongly about, or have a good understanding about. The more you care or know about a subject, the better you will write.
- Stay organized! Keep your OneNote binder or Google Docs for your research sources, notes, Works Cited page, etc. Notes and sources will be checked regularly.
- Select a topic and brainstorm a list of questions about your topic.
- Research your topic using the NHS library resources and Questia.
- Gather at least 5 sources that will help you with your topic. These sources should be at least three different types (book, newspaper article, online article, journal, database).
- Maintain a rough draft of your Works Cited page as you gather sources.
- Review and revise your thesis statement (as necessary).
- Develop an outline for your research paper.
- Create an INFOGRAPHIC relating to your research paper - brainstorm ☺
- Write a rough draft of your research paper and review and revise as you go along.
- Peer edit your paper with a partner and revise based on comments.
- Complete a final draft of your writing including your Works Cited page.

Specific Requirements:

Sources

- You need a total of 5 reliable sources.
- You need at least 3 different types of sources (internet, book, magazine, etc.)
- You must read each source, highlight and take notes in your OneNote binder or in GoogleDocs.

Notes

- For each source, you must READ, highlight and take notes in your OneNote binder or in GoogleDocs.
- You must number each source, take notes, and record the page number for each quote or summary.
- Notes will be checked regularly, and are part of your final grade.
- Notes must be neat, organized, and accurate.

MLA Format: USE NHS RESEARCH PAPER GUIDE!

- Each page has page numbers at top right with your last name.
- Each source on Works Cited page MUST be cited somewhere in your paper.
- Each source cited in your paper MUST be listed on your Works Cited page.
- Citations within your paper must be quoted if exact words, or paraphrased with correct citation form - (Last name page #).

EXAMPLE: "Students should work hard to achieve their goals" (Aubrey 1).

- Works Cited page must follow correct MLA format.
- Entire paper should be written in Times New Roman, 12 point font, and should be double spaced (be sure to click the box - don't add space between paragraphs of the same style) There should be a Running Header (Last Name page #) as well as a Heading (Your Name, Aubrey, English 12, due date of paper).

Thesis Statement

- Your thesis statements must have three arguments that will be supported by your research.
- Topic + Opinion
- The three arguments are also considered subtopics, or different ways of looking at your topic. You need to find sources to support each argument or subtopic.

EXAMPLE: Global warming is detrimental to the world because animals are becoming extinct (subtopic 1), more natural disasters are occurring (subtopic 2), and the ozone layer is diminishing (subtopic 3).

Organization

- You must keep all notes, guides, assignment sheets, rubrics, sources, and writing TOGETHER in a OneNote folder or in GoogleDocs
- You will constantly be referring back to every packet, note sheet, etc., so stay organized!

Sample Outline

Introduction

- interesting hook (no question hook allowed!)
- topic sentence (a bridge between your hook and your thesis, providing background information on your topic)
- thesis statement with 3 points (a, b and c)

Body - Each body paragraph should have a topic sentence!

- 1-2 paragraphs supporting point a
- 1-2 paragraphs supporting point b
- 1-2 paragraphs supporting point c

Conclusion

- Restates thesis in new words
- Relates back to the hook
- Inspires reader or leaves a lasting impression
- Ending is as strong/powerful as rest of the paper

*3-5 pages all together (excluding Works Cited page)

What is this Worth?

Research Question - 10 points

Thesis Statement - 20 points

Notes - 20 points

Outline - 20 points

Infographic Draft - 10 points

Infographic - 50 points

Final Paper - 120 points

Total Points: 300

Rough Draft - 20 points

Peer Edit - 15 points

Self-Edit - 15 points

* You will also be evaluated on on-task behavior in the Library/ Writing Lab *