

Essay #3: Research Paper

Description: For this paper you will build upon your prior research for the annotated bibliography. You will use the source material from this previous assignment to support an argument-driven paper that articulates an informed opinion on your selected subject. You are required to use at least eight sources for this paper so you will need to include two more scholarly texts in addition to those cited in the annotated bibliography. In order to write a successful research paper, you must effectively integrate these sources into your writing, using them to “forward” your own claims. Remember that in order to develop your *ethos*, your essay should also address potential counterarguments. To do so you must first present the counterargument as fairly as possible and then utilize your source findings to offer concessions or articulate a rebuttal.

Paper Requirements:

- An concise and engaging introduction that effectively forecasts your argument
- A clearly worded, specific, and arguable thesis
- An narrowly focused argument (one that can be thoroughly supported in 8-10 pages)
- Use of at least eight sources including books, and scholarly articles, rather than simply popular resources
- Paraphrases and quotations that are smoothly integrated into your essay and followed by analysis that explains their significance within your argument
- Effective and logical organization of information that supports the thesis
- A fair treatment of counterarguments that accurately and objectively presents them before qualifying or disproving their claims
- Correct in-text and bibliographic source citation according to MLA citation conventions (Refer to Purdue OWL for specifics on source citation)
- A conclusion that supports the thesis and gestures to the larger implications of your argument.

Format:

Length: 8-10 pages

Spacing: double-spaced, 1 inch margins

Font: Times New Roman 12 point

Timeline for Research Paper

DRAFT DUE: 11/14 on Canvas (assignments)

PEER REVIEW DAY: 11/16 bring electronic copies with marginal comments

FINAL PAPER DUE: 12/2 Canvas (assignments)

Research Paper Presentations: 12/2, 12/5, 12/7, 12/9 Bring notes/visual aids to class