

How to Write a Persuasive Research Paper



**Your research paper is due
on November 13, 2015!**

**You will not get credit for your
final paper until all of your
preliminary work is done and
checked off.**

Why Do You Need To Learn How To Write A Research Paper?

- **Because in high school and college you will be asked to write *many* research papers, and you need to learn what goes into writing a successful paper.**
- **This PowerPoint presentation will give you step-by-step directions on how most high school and college teachers/professors expect you to write a basic research paper.**

Learning Objectives:

- ✓ **You will learn how to choose a topic.**
 - **You will choose a persuasive topic, which means a topic about which people would argue.**
- ✓ **You will learn how to write a thesis statement.**
 - **One sentence that summarizes what your paper is about, or what you are trying to prove. Your thesis should state your position on your topic. It should be stated in your introduction.**

Learning Objectives: (cont'd)

- ✓ **You will be able to understand the difference between plagiarism and acceptable paraphrasing.**
- ✓ **You will be able to learn how to edit your paper, and make necessary changes.**
- ✓ **You will learn how to use “parenthetical notations.”**

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It is a **persuasive research paper!**



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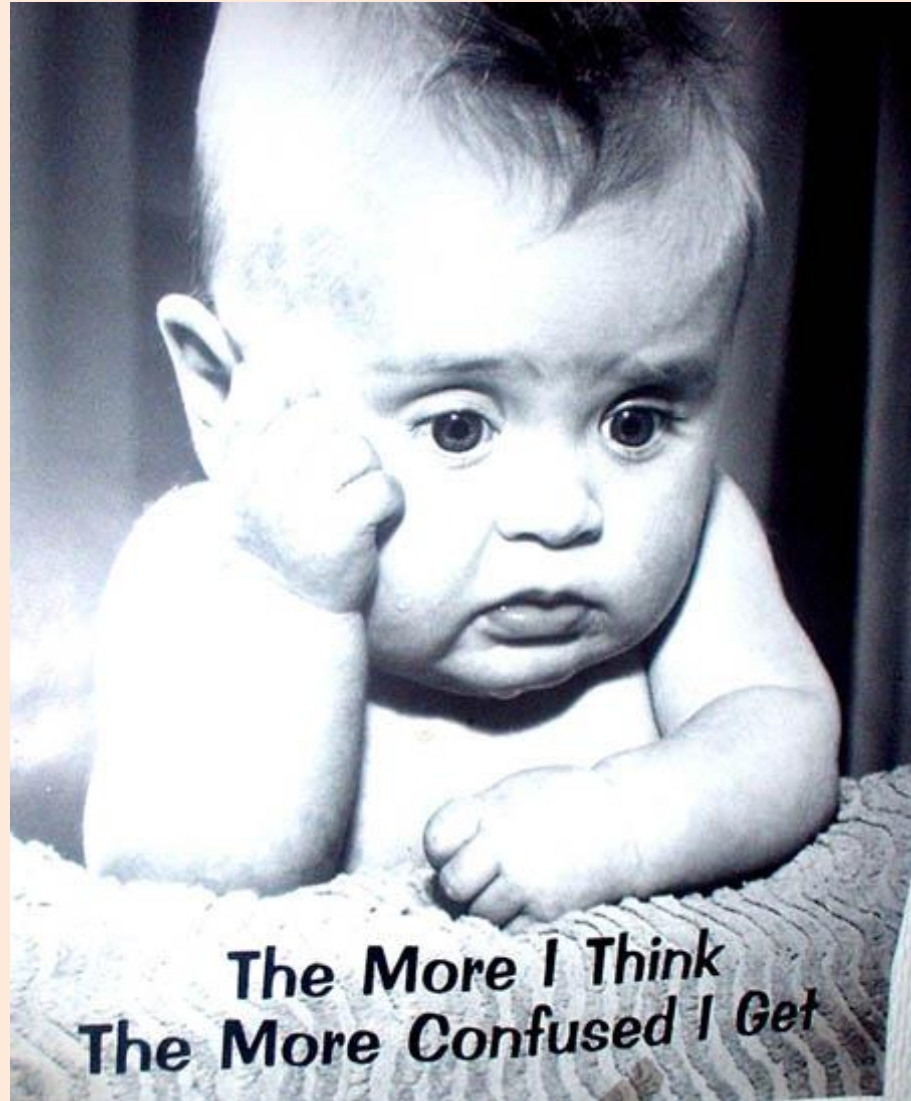
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Persuasion PPT

Please be aware that you will use your research info to put together a Power Point presentation on your topic.



Where Do I Begin?



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Materials needed: Index cards; Microsoft Word; Research Packet Information

Step #1: Select topics of interest. Your final topic must be a persuasive topic on which you will take a stand and defend in your paper.

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Step #2: Develop a thesis statement about your topic that you plan to defend in your paper. You have info in this packet to help you with this.

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Thesis Statement Videos

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sLQ5ldP7i5A>--What is a thesis statement?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8wxE8R_x5I0 (SHMOOP)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DlaUowHUNsg&index=2&list=PLTUBYu74I3g_7X4-vw0N_u5Yp8Xz8PID Tutorial (13 mins)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DfUkhdh8Z08>--A **REVIEW**

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**A Thesis Statement should contain
3 essential parts:**

- **Your topic**
- **Your opinion about the topic**
- **Reasons why you have this opinion**

**Public schools should have prayer
because _____,
_____, and
_____.**

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Example of a good thesis statement:

Legalizing the use of marijuana in the U.S. will greatly benefit the medical situation by giving doctors access to this lifesaving drug to treat symptoms of epilepsy, cancer, glaucoma, and other serious conditions.

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Step #3: Find a minimum of FIVE different sources that can be used to answer your essential question. Make sure you use reputable sources. *Do not use Wikipedia.* Do not rely on all Dot Com sources. Use database info if possible. You must try to find the most accurate information you can. (YOU MUST TURN IN HARD COPIES OF YOUR SOURCES FOR POINTS.)

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Step #4: Read through your sources and highlight all the important info that relates to your thesis statement and your argument about your topic.

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Step #5: Record all source information for each source from which you obtain information for your paper. You will need this info to type into Easy Bib.

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Step #6: Using the highlighted info in your source pages, take notes on all five sources. See the Note-Taking procedures to ensure that this is done correctly. You will need note cards to submit. (YOU MUST TURN IN YOUR NOTE CARDS FOR POINTS.)

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**Step #7: Organize an outline,
using the outline template and
the info on your note cards.
Then, write or type the outline
and submit it. (YOU MUST
TURN IN YOUR OUTLINE FOR
POINTS.)**

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**Step #8: Arrange your
note cards in order to
help you prove your
thesis and to follow the
structure of your outline.**

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Step #9: Develop an introductory paragraph.

Be sure to hook your reader and provide a transition into your first sub-topic. (Optional)

Complete “The Guide to Writing Your Thesis Statement and Introduction Paragraph” handout, ensuring that you have ideas that will be addressed in the formulation of your thesis.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rnq17dyxyu4> to Write a Hook

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J3COR_IKG2c Writing Introductory Paragraphs

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Step #10: Begin to write or type the body of your essay, making sure to insert citations after every piece of information.

***Note:* Consecutive sources do not call for citations on every single piece of information; your citation falls at the end of the string of citations. You should have at least 3 paragraphs in the body.**

<http://www.shmoop.com/video/using-quotations>

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Step #11: Generate a conclusion, ensuring that you take time to re-state your thesis and provide a broader look at the application of your topic.

<http://www.shmoop.com/video/writing-a-killer-conclusion>

<http://www.shmoop.com/video/what-not-to-do-in-a-conclusion>

<http://www.shmoop.com/video/how-to-write-a-concluding-sentence-with-a-punch>

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Step #12: The introduction, body, and conclusion will make up the rough draft of your paper. You should have at least 5 paragraphs. (YOU MUST TURN IN YOUR ROUGH DRAFT FOR POINTS.)

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**Please do not write
this paper in first
person. Do not use “I”,
“I believe,” “in my
opinion,” etc.**

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**Step #13: Proofread
your essay, paying
close attention to the
rubric provided.**

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Step #14: Research papers should be typed. Use size 12 font and use a professional font (Times New Roman). The paper should be double-spaced with 1 inch margins. Indent your paragraphs.

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**Step #15: Create a Title
Page using the MLA
format. This will be the
first page of your
paper.**

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Step #16: Make sure you have put together the Works Cited Page correctly using your source cards.

Sources need to be listed in alphabetical order. Use Easy Bib to make sure your citations are written correctly. This page should be the last page in your paper.

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**Step #17: Make sure you
have included and
correctly done all items
on the Research Paper
Rubric.**

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Step #18: Submit hard copies of your essay, with title page first, then the paper, then with the Works Cited Page last. Make sure these papers are stapled or put in a clear plastic cover. (Note: Final papers will not be accepted until all preliminary work is completed.)

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**Step #19: (Optional)--
Email electronic copies
of your final paper to me
(swaskiewicz@ccps.us).**

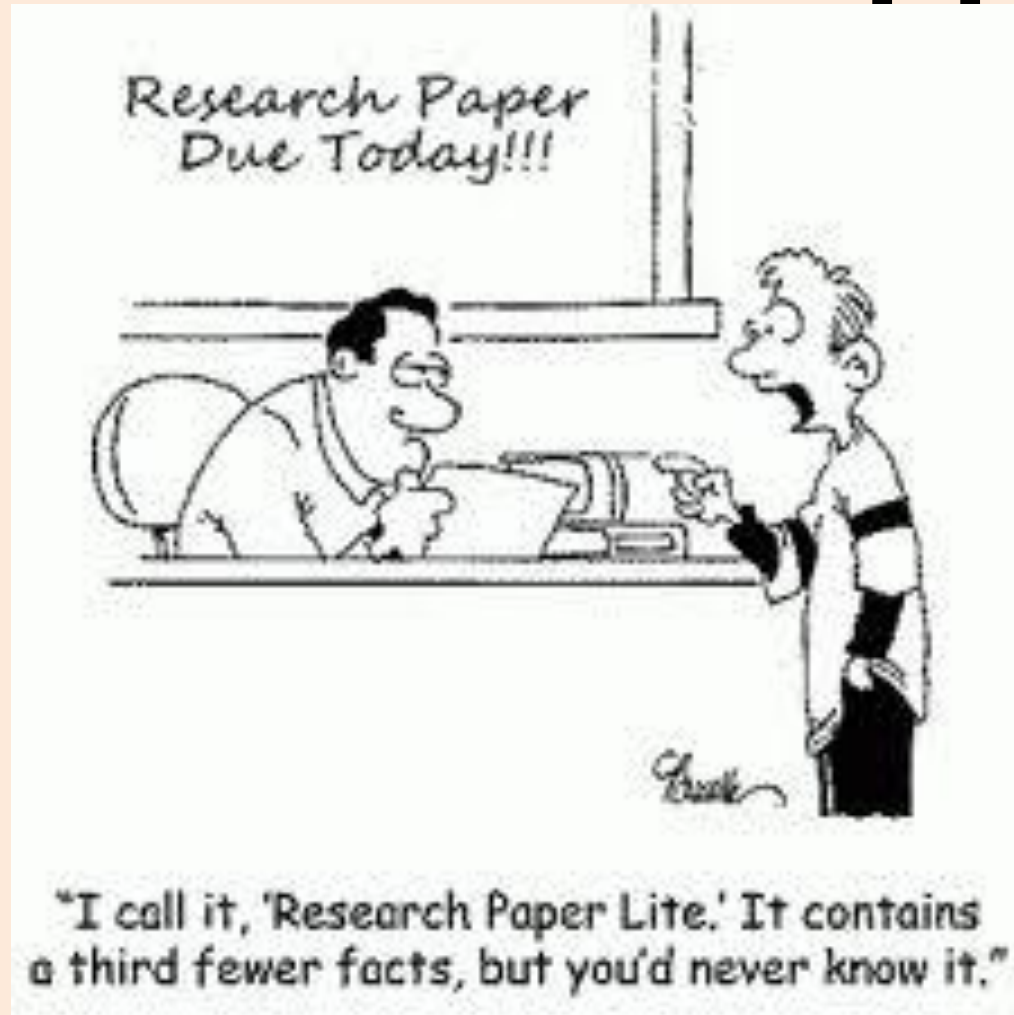
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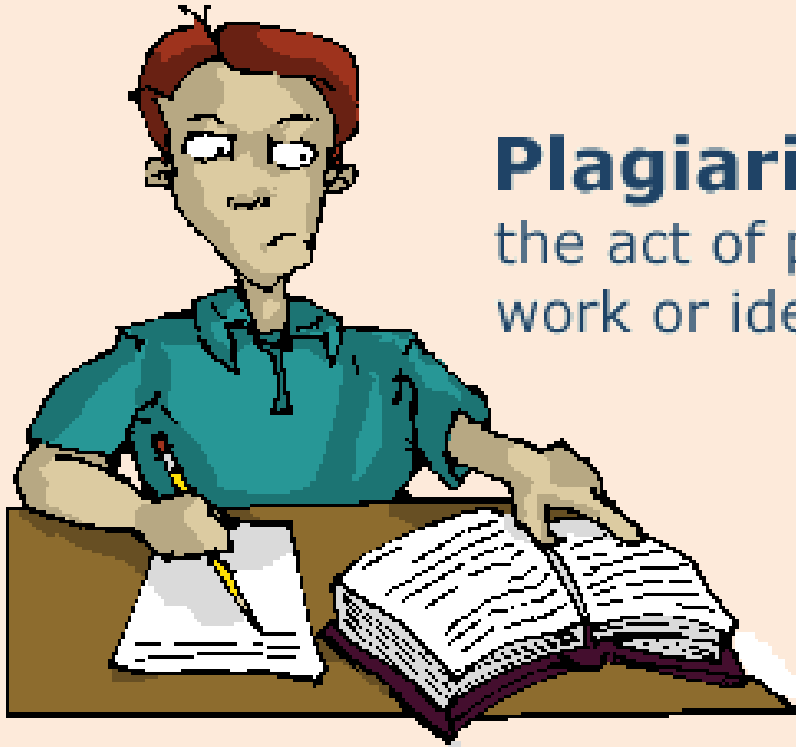
**For further information,
consult your literature book
pg. 690-701.**

English 12

**For further information,
consult your literature book
pgs. 204-223.**

Don't let this happen!





Plagiarism:

the act of presenting another's work or ideas as your own.



Paraphrase!!!

<http://www.shmoop.com/video/plagiarism/>

<http://www.teachertube.com/video/before-he-cheats-a-teacher-parody-23819>

Plagiarism v. Paraphrasing Samples

Direct quote from research:

“Japan’s beautiful Mount Fuji last erupted in 1707 and is now classified as dormant. Dormant volcanoes show no signs of activity, but they may erupt in the future.”

Non-plagiarized paraphrase:

Mount Fuji, the highest mountain in Japan, is actually a dormant volcano. Dormant means that it is not active. The last time Mount Fuji erupted was in 1707, and there is always the possibility of a future eruption.

Direct quote from research:

“Three weeks after Katrina, warnings of the arrival of Hurricane Rita sent residents of cities such as Houston, Texas, rushing to evacuate, fearing for their lives. Fortunately, Hurricane Rita turned out to be much less severe than Katrina. However, mass evacuations like this bring hazards of their own, as panicking drivers may cause accidents on the jammed roads.”

Non-plagiarized paraphrase:

Shortly after Hurricane Katrina devastated the city of Houston, Texas, a warning for a new hurricane named Rita was broadcast, which caused many people to panic and flee the city. However, the mass departure of people leaving Houston at the same time could have caused many car accidents, even though the hurricane turned out to be not as dangerous as Katrina.

Proofread, Proofread, & Proofread!!!

- 1. Are all words spelled correctly? (Use a paper or online dictionary is unsure!)**
- 2. Did I capitalize the beginning of each sentence and all proper nouns?**
- 3. Did I punctuate correctly?**
- 4. Do I use grammar correctly?**
- 5. Did I answer all of the topic questions, and fulfill all of the requirements on my rubric?**
- 6. Did I include an introduction and conclusion?**
- 7. Did I type the paper using the correct font type, size, line spacing and margin requirements?**
- 8. Did I paraphrase all content?**
- 9. Did I use parenthetical notations for quotes?**
- 10. Do my sentences make sense when read aloud?**
- 11. Have I had my paper peer edited?**
- 12. Does my paper flow well?**
- 13. Did I include a Works Cited page?**

Finished!!! You did it!!!

