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Research Paper

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All you needed to know

How long is it?

- 3-5 page paper (DS)
 - 3 pages means at least 5 lines on the fourth page
- Formal cover (title page)
- Final outline
- Works Cited page
- Works Consulted



What's the topic?

- See list from handout
- Choose something that interests you, but know little about
- Choose something you don't like
- Choose some future career possibility
- Don't agonize over decision
- Start broad, narrow your topic



What I don't want...

- Straight historical or biographical
- Abortion
- Child abuse
- Alcohol and drug abuse
- Teen pregnancy
- Gangs
- Witchcraft
- Satanism



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Approve Topic with me!

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Only one topic per student



What do I need? – Works Cited

- Minimum of five sources in Works Cited and documented with parenthetical attribution
- Minimum of five additional sources skimmed for ideas, offered as Work Consulted for further information



Where do I go?

- Check Library website for databases
- MHS Library
- Vertical File **is** allowed
- Internet (only 2 **websites** allowed)
- Allowed articles from Internet
- One article from encyclopedia (online or bound)
- No sources older than 2000 unless topic is older (ex – Attack on Pearl Harbor)



Interlibrary loan

- Check Mitchell Public (walk)
- Check **DWU** (walk)



What will be checked/graded

- Works Consulted with all 10 sources
- 30 Note cards from 5 sources
- Working outline
- Temporary Works Cited
- Topic outline (when writing begins)
- First Draft (peer edit – 50pts)
- Final Draft



Brainstorm for Topic

- Make a list of 5-7 questions that you want answered
- Use those questions to look for research
- Start with library databases



ProQuest and other Databases

- Access to magazine and newspaper articles
- Access to reference books
- These count as articles, not web sites





SDLN offers

- SDLN library search
- Infotrac – periodicals (Password)
- Proquest – more periodicals

- Others cost money, so don't go to them

- <http://www.sdln.net>



By Thursday/Friday

- Approve topic with me
- Will be going to the library
- Have inter-library loan in **ASAP!**
- Works Consulted (10) will be due on 5/6 Oct.
- Note cards will also be checked for progress (30 from 5.)
- *Scarlet Letter* Journals due (29/30 Sept.)

TENTATIVE Due dates:

	Black 2	Gold 1
Going to library	22 Sept 24 Sept.	23 Sept. 27 Sept.
Works consulted (typed)	4 Oct.	5 Oct.
30 note cards	8 Oct.	12 Oct.
Rough Outline (typed)	15 Oct.	18 Oct.
Rough draft	27 Oct.	28 Oct.
Final Draft	4 Nov.	5 Nov.

