

ESSAY 6: Research Project

Below are the multiple components for your final research project which will take the remainder of the semester. Each component will help you to conduct research, clarify an argument, incorporate that research and produce an interesting essay that explores something about our U.S. culture. In the end, you will submit all components in a folder, including any components with my comments, peer review comments and your revised versions. (See back for grading, revisions, late and omissions policies.) Please remember to adhere to the format requirements of a typed document.

DUE DATE	RESEARCH COMPONENT	INSTRUCTIONS
4/27	Annotated Bibliography <i>2 copies to class</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Typed & single-spaced with Thesis Statement at top2) 5 sources from the following list:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• scholarly book• journal, magazine (only 1)• newspaper• interview• images (tv, radio, movies)• NO INTERNET3) Entries alphabetized according to author last name4) Each Bibliographic Entry includes:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• MLA Citation (see Hacker or Mauk/Metz)• Summary of source (100 words): research question, method, main conclusions (see handout)• Connection to your argument (2 sentences)
5/4	Proposal <i>2 copies to class</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) 1 typed double-spaced page2) Proposal basically summarizes your argument by including<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction (2-3 sentences)• Thesis Statement• Methods used (hints at evidence)• Main Conclusions
5/4	Outline <i>2 copies to class</i>	In extended outline form: I., A., 1., a.
5/9	First Draft <i>email copy to KH by 8am</i> <i>1 copy to class</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) 2000 words typed, & double spaced2) Include all elements of a well-structured essay3) Proofread for clarity & edit for common mistakes4) Incorporate quotes (not more than 3 lines long)5) Use MLA in-text citation methods
5/9	Works Cited <i>2 copies to class</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) All sources MUST be listed here2) Alphabetical listing by authors' last names
5/16	Research Portfolio	Folder contains: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Annotated Bibliography (with KH comments)2) Proposal (with KH comments)3) Outline (with KH comments)4) First Draft (peer reviewed & KH comments)5) Works Cited (KH comments)6) Essay Final Draft (2000 words)7) Photocopies of all sources<ul style="list-style-type: none">• For books, provide title page & chapter first page (or any photocopies you've made)• For articles, include entire copy

GRADING POLICY

Work on this project assumes that you are following the guidelines that we have already established, e.g., format for submission and editing for common mistakes. Though you will receive a credit/no credit for each component, your final grade will be based on the quality of work in each component. For example, if you receive a credit for the Annotated Bibliography, that simply means you've fulfilled the requirements of the assignment. It does not guarantee an A. (See the course syllabus for explanations of each letter grade.)

REVISIONS

If you receive an NC on any component, you are obligated to revise and re-submit (with my comments attached to the re-submission) by the next class meeting. If you receive a Credit on any component but feel that it needs revision, you may revise and include it in the Final Portfolio. (For instance, if you think that your Annotated Bibliography entries could be written more succinctly or if you have a better understanding of the source, you might want to revise the Annotated Bibliography before the final portfolio is due.) These types of revisions do not need to be submitted to me prior to the Final Portfolio. Simply include the revision with the original submission in your Portfolio.

For hints about revising your writing style, see all of our exercises on introductory and concluding paragraphs, transitional statements, appropriate language, subject-verb agreement, pronoun agreement, etc. – basically the entire semester's work on writing style.

LATE POLICY & OMISSIONS

Each component must be submitted **in class** on the due date. If you miss a deadline and have not contacted me at least 24 hours prior to the deadline to work out alternatives, your Final Portfolio grade will be penalized **1 full letter grade per day** (A becomes B, etc.). If any of the Final Portfolio components are missing, your Final Portfolio grade will be penalized **1 full letter grade**.