Senior Research Paper

Hooray! You’re on your way to graduation. The research paper is an important part of this course’s curriculum. By completing this assignment, you will learn valuable skills that can be applied to other classes, to college, and your career field. Skill areas that this assignment focuses on include: finding and evaluating sources of information, reading for information, note taking, organizing information, outlining, and word processing skills.

Please note the due dates for each part of the research paper. **Every Monday will be a work period devoted to a step of the research process with a brief lesson and then time for you to work on that step in class with teacher assistance.** Most of the work will be done on your own outside of class. You have up to the stated due date to turn in each part of the project. **Assignments turned in after a due date will receive a deduction of 50%, unless there are extenuating circumstances.**

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| **STEP** | **Friday DUE DATES** | **POINTS** |
| 1. Select & narrow topic |  | 5 (CW) |
| 1. Typed topic proposal    1. **Due by 3:00 PM** | 2/5 | 25 (HW) |
| 1. Find sources & complete note-taking sheets    1. **Due by 3:00 PM** | 3 sources due 2/12  3 sources due 2/19 | 30 (HW)  30 (HW) |
| 1. Works Cited page DRAFT    1. Typed MLA format    2. **Due by 3:00 PM** | 2/26 | 25 (CW) |
| 1. Essay outline – hardcopy    1. Due at the **BEGINNING** of class | 3/4 | 50 (A) |
| 1. Essay rough draft – hardcopy    1. Due at the **BEGINNING** of class | 3/18 | 25 (HW) |
| 1. Revisions    1. In class, with a partner |  | 10 (CW) |
| 1. Final draft – hardcopy    1. Due at the **BEGINNING** of class | 3/24 | 50 (A) |
| **TOTAL POINTS** |  | 250 |

**General Requirements:**

* Final essay 6-8 pages in length
* Minimum 5 scholarly sources cited in your essay
* Paper must be typed completely in MLA format, including works cited page
* In order to avoid plagiarism, you must properly cite your sources both in the essay itself and the works cited page.