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English Nine Survey

Research

**Steps and Expectations: You are expected to follow the research process and complete the following items on time. Failure to complete the assignments will result in a loss of total points. Failure to hand in the essay on time will result in a deduction of 10% points each day it is late. If you are absent, it is YOUR responsibility to make up each step that you missed on your own time. The library databases and Noodletools are accessible from home. Be responsible!**

**Topic/Thesis**: 5 Points **Due:**

* You will complete a brainstorm sheet and practice thesis worksheet. Through your research process, you will find that you may revise your thesis statement as you go.
* One sentence with a clear opinion/argument and points (direction)

**5 Reliable Sources:** 25 Points (five points per card)

* Use the library database first, books second, and avoid Google searches that end with .com- You probably won’t even need to Google anything if you use the library resources
* You will read through your sources and choose at least five that you will incorporate into your paper.
* You must read through the sources and highlight information that you will use in your paper.
* Complete the source evaluation sheet for all five sources to be sure that the sources are reliable and useful!
* Use [www.noodletools.com](http://www.noodletools.com) to post all sources and check for comments to make revisions (make sure you share with your teacher)

**20 Notecards**: 60 Points (3 points per card)

* You will create a **minimum** of 20 notecards (more is even better)
* Use [www.noodletools.com](http://www.noodletools.com) to paraphrase, quote, and provide your ideas about the fact you found
* One fact (paraphrased idea or quote) per card and always comment (add your ideas) about how this fact is useful, significant, important, or relevant to your thesis

**Outline:** 100 Points (Focus, Content, Organization, Style, Conventions)

* Follow the outline format
* Type outline
* Add internal citations for all paraphrased ideas and quotes
* Add commentary! Your ideas are number one and supported by your research

**Final Paper:** 150 Points (Focus, Content, Organization, Style, Conventions) 5-7 paragraphs

* Focus: stay on task (check back to thesis statement to make sure you are responding to your opinion/stand/argument and each thesis point is supported with your ideas and researched facts!
* Content: You supply at least **3 direct quotes,** use at leastdifferent cited facts from different sources in each paragraph, and you provide your ideas, opinions, and reactions to your amazing facts. All of your facts/quotes/paraphrased ideas **MUST BE CITED USING INTERNAL CITATIONS!** Your ideas are not cited.
* Organization: Look at thesis. Can you rearrange your points in a logical way (sequence, importance (least to greatest of importance), relevance, etc. Then, structure your paper in the order of the thesis points (use transitional words and phrases to indicate this logic) and continue to use transitional words and phrases throughout your draft
* Style: Use **strong** word choices (don’t just write “says”). Do not use first or second person pronouns (I think, I believe, my paper is about, this is why I believe, etc., my paper says). Use a variety of sentence structures (to many simple sentences make you sound like a robot in your writing). Use complex sentences along with simple sentences, and you can also incorporate compound sentences. This will help give you voice!
* Conventions: Use spell-check! Don’t rely on spell check only. Read (I suggest reading it aloud), and proofread carefully!

**Works Cited with Paper:** 50 Points

* Click Export and Print
* If you put your sources in correctly (and made the changes from comments given), Noodletools should format it in MLA style. Plug information correctly into Noodletools the first time when making your source cards
* For each error, you will lose one point!

***Good luck! Research takes time and patience! Follow each step carefully!***