

Requirements for the 7th Grade Academic Fair Research Paper

CONTENTS: All research papers must include the following elements. Each of these elements, including the exact format required, will be reviewed in class.

- Title Page
- Outline: Students must use the appropriate format discussed in class.
- Report Text: The required length for the paper is a minimum of three (3) pages and a **maximum** of four (4) pages.
- Bibliography: This separate page must include precise information about all the sources used in the paper. Information on proper format can be found in the Library link on Inside GCS. Students will also have in-class instruction on proper format and how to use NoodleTools to generate this page.

Every element of this paper is to be completed to MLA standards as discussed in class. In addition to handouts that will be distributed in class, links to information on this format can be found in the Library and English 7 links on GCS. The guidelines are also available in the newly revised Seventh Edition of the *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers* by Joseph Gibaldi. This resource is available at bookstores and libraries, including our GCS library.

SOURCES: A minimum of four sources are required for completion of the paper; they are listed below. All sources listed in the bibliography must be used during research.

- **Two (2) books or other print resources**
- **Two (2) database articles. Databases should be accessed through the Library link on Inside GCS webpage.**

Additional sources may be utilized. **General knowledge encyclopedias (including Grolier and Wikipedia) are not to be used as sources for this paper;** however, these are good sites to use when generating essential questions or your preliminary outline. When in doubt, ask Mr. Quinlan to approve a source for you.

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