

Requirements for the 7th Grade Academic Fair Research Paper

CONTENTS: All research papers must include the following.

Outline: Students must use the appropriate format discussed in class; this will be handed in separately from the paper.

Report Text: The acceptable length of the papers are a maximum of four (4) pages for seventh graders.

Bibliography: This separate page must include precise information about all the sources utilized in the paper. Students will also have in-class instruction on proper format, and Noodle Tools will be used for this purpose as well.

Every element of this paper is to be completed to MLA standards as discussed in class. The guidelines are also available in the Sixth 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 five sources are required for completion of the paper; they include

- Two (2) books or other print resources and
- Three (3) database articles: These can also be accessed through the Inside GCS webpage.

Additional sources may be utilized. General knowledge encyclopedias are not to be used as sources for this paper.

**The formal copy of the paper

- Must be completed by the student on the computer.
- Must include all of the appropriate content addressed above.
- Text must be double-spaced with 1-inch margins.
- Use Times New Roman, 12-point font
- This is the final draft; an opportunity for revision will be made possible, but is not required. If a revision is completed, the revision grade will be averaged with the original grade. You must include a clean copy of your paper, with no marks, in your visual display.