

Senior Research Task

Goal: A graduating senior must display a basic competency in research paper writing.

Task: Students will create a brief research paper.

Value: The paper is worth 800 points (all or nothing).

Due Date: The paper is due at 8:00 AM on May 24th, 2013 to both Turnitin.com and as a color-coded* hardcopy in class.

The paper may:

- be on any topic
- and be either persuasive or expository.

The paper must:

- be no longer than two pages,
- be in either [MLA](#)** or [APA](#)*** format,
- cite at least two sources,
- include a properly formatted [Works Cited](#) (for MLA) or [Reference List](#) (for APA),
- include at least one [summary](#) of a source,
- include at least one [paraphrase](#) of a source,
- include at least one [quotation](#) of a source,
- include at least one sentence of original content,
- and contain no [plagiarism](#).

* Color-coding will be done in class on Friday, May 24th under Mr. Benton's guidance.

** MLA is primarily used in the humanities (academic disciplines that study human culture using methods that are primarily analytical, critical, or speculative, often involving a significant historical element).

*** APA is used primarily in research fields driven by the empirical method (the approach of using a collection of data to base a theory or derive a conclusion) used in the natural or social sciences.