

Research Paper ‘Milestone’ #1: Topic Write—Up and 3 Sources with Annotations

***For this first research assignment, you must choose one of the six Research Paper Ideas on the **Getting Started with Research Papers** handout from last time. *All topics should fit one of the six areas from that guide.*

1) Research Paper Idea #1 -- Science and Technology: Promise or Peril?

2) Research Paper Idea #2 -- Portraying Human Minds in Film

3) Research Paper Idea #3 -- Portraying Robots in Film

4) Research Paper Idea #4 -- Portraying Human Clones in Film

5) Research Paper Idea #5 – Popular Science: Investigating a Book on Science

6) Research Paper Idea #6 – Historical Research on a Scientist (and a Controversy)

The most popular topics based on 500+ students who have taken this class!

REMEMBER YOU ARE CHOOSING 1 FILM (or book) ONLY FOR YOUR PAPER!

MILESTONE #1: TOPIC WRITE-UP

DUE DATE: THU. 10/6 (11:59 pm)

****EXTENSION TO MON. 10/10 (11:59 PM) IF YOU NEED MORE TIME****

Submit your work as .DOCX or .PDF to our Submit page submit103.lagcconline.com

WHAT TO TURN IN:

1) A **one-page topic write-up (about 250 words)** with your ideas for your research paper topic.

Try to describe what you are interested in exploring in your paper. If possible, try to suggest a tentative argument (some idea that might help you create a thesis statement in future assignments). **MAKE SURE YOU IDENTIFY WHICH RESEARCH PAPER IDEA YOU ARE USING.** Try to choose an area within that research topic that will help set up your research. For example, what specific area of science or technology would you want to explore for **Research Paper Idea #1 -- Science and Technology: Promise or Peril?** Remember you should **choose one topic** for your paper. *For this assignment, if you have two ideas in mind, you might discuss two options under the same research paper idea; your instructor can help you choose which specific topic will work better.*

2) Your ‘major’ text. If you are writing on **Research Paper Idea #2 -- Portraying Human Minds in Film**, **Research Paper Idea #3 -- Portraying Robots in Film**, **Research Paper Idea #4 -- Portraying Human Clones in Film**, which MOVIE will you be using?

*****For Research Paper Idea #5 – Popular Science: Investigating a Book on Science, which BOOK are you interested in exploring?**

For Research Paper Idea #1 -- Science and Technology: Promise or Peril? or Research Paper Idea #6 – Historical Research on a Scientist (and a Controversy), you will need to find a BOOK that is central to your discussion or topic. (You can use CUNY+ to find relevant books/films for these topics.) For #6, aim to find a biography of your chosen scientist (and controversy).

*****By identifying your 'major' text as soon as you can, you make it easier to obtain a copy. (Your instructor can help.)**

3) 3 Sources in a Works Cited page with Annotations:

- 1) Your MAIN TEXT (BOOK OR FILM)
- 2) A **film review** (or book review) from LexisNexis
- 3) An **encyclopedia article** from the Gale Virtual Reference Library General Collection on your topic (e.g., an article on 'schizophrenia,' 'autism,' 'artificial intelligence,' etc.)

HINTS: Use your Personal Research Page on our course wiki eng103lagcc.pbworks.com to brainstorm ideas. Look over other students' work on the wiki, comment and give help. Your instructor can also help you find a topic. (Send e-mail to eng103.lagcc@gmail.com for help.)