

Research Paper ‘Milestone’ #2: Page One (Introduction and Thesis) and Works Cited Page with 5+ Sources and Annotations

Based on your own thinking about your topic, instructor feedback and your further research, the next milestone will allow you to refine and solidify your topic for your research paper.

*** Requirements for Research Papers

*Research Paper Guidelines:

- About 6 pages (1,500 – 1,750 words) – Excluding your Works Cited pages. (*Note: 8 pages or 2,000 words is the max. for this paper. You don't get extra points for writing an overlong paper!*)
- Use of (about) 9 sources on a Works Cited page using the MLA citation style including correct citations.

*Research Requirements (9+ Sources)

- ☐ ☐ At least **2 encyclopedia / dictionary articles** located using the **Gale Virtual Reference Library** (or similar online databases found through the LaGuardia Library's website).
- ☐ ☐ At least **2 journalistic articles** from 'reputable' publications (newspapers or magazines): You can use **Nexis Uni** to find these type of sources. For a film, you can use movie reviews here or 'case studies' / profiles in newspapers / magazines of someone living with Alzheimer's / schizophrenia / autism / anterograde amnesia, etc. Also, you will be able to find 100s of articles on robots and AI, if you are working on this topic in film.
- ☐ ☐ At least **2 scholarly articles (or psychological studies)** that discuss your topic. Use **EBSCOhost Academic Search Complete** or **JSTOR** to find these types of sources. Use the buttons for Scholarly Articles on our Research Speed Dial research.blogsite.org.
- ☐ At least **1 relevant book / book chapter from an e-book** on your topic (found in CUNY libraries / the LaGuardia Library through **eBook Central** button on the **Research Speed Dial** research.blogsite.org)
- ☐ ☐ **2 'miscellaneous' sources:** These sources can be a mix of the above types (such as additional journalistic articles, scholarly articles, etc. They might be responsible talk on your topic on by an academic expert (not an influencer!) on YouTube. **IF YOU CHOOSE TO WRITE ON A MOVIE, YOUR FILM WILL BE INCLUDED IN THIS CATEGORY.**

NOTE: Doing the Major Online Activities for Week 3 and Week 4 (which shows you how to do research using the key Library databases) will get you to your first 6 sources!

Note: You might find that you have more than 9 sources.

You will not need to discuss or cite all of your research in your paper. (You should list all the sources that contributed to your research – even if they are not cited in your writing. This allows you to show that you did some thorough research.)

USE OUR RESEARCH SPEED DIAL research.blogsite.org AS YOUR MAIN PORTAL TO FINDING RESPONSIBLE SOURCES – not Google. *Use the same research databases, tools and techniques you practiced in the Major Online Activities for Weeks 3 and 4. That's why we spent time on those online activities!*

****MILESTONE #2: PAGE ONE / INTRODUCTION (WITH DRAFT THESIS STATEMENT) AND WORKS CITED PAGE (WITH AT LEAST 5 SOURCES AND ANNOTATIONS)**

DUE DATE: *MON., 10/31 (11:59 pm)

WHAT TO TURN IN: _____

1) The Page One with your **introduction** to your research paper with about a page of writing (250 words) that introduces your **topic, research questions**, and leads the reader to a **(tentative) thesis statement**. Remember: a good introduction sets up the conversation between sources, so you will want to have at least one relevant quote from a source that will 'frame' some aspect of your discussion. It's important to draft at least a tentative thesis statement so your instructor can work with you to refine it in time for *Milestone #3*.

2) A **Works Cited page with at least 5 sources** based on the research requirements (see page 1, above). Important: **Include annotations for your sources**, which will a) describe what kind of a source you have found and b) what information or perspective it gives for your paper. Of course, creating annotations means that you have located and read (or skimmed) your sources to know what they are about.

*****IMPORTANT! AS YOU FIND SOURCES, COLLECT PDFs (full-text versions of your articles).**

THIS CAN REALLY HELP YOU AS YOU WRITE YOUR PAPER LATER IN

THE SEMESTER. (You need the actual text versions of your articles, not just the

web links!) I realize that most of us don't have access to printers, but you can use the PDFs

just like digital paper. (This is how professional scholars do their work today.)