

ENG 103 -- The Research Paper
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Research Paper Milestone #4 – Final Draft

The final draft of your research paper is due on **MON., DEC. 12th, 2022 (11:59 pm)**

Before this deadline, you will want to revise your draft several times based on instructor feedback and your own work to improve your paper.

Format: Typed, double-spaced; about 6 pages (1,500 – 1,750 words) plus Works Cited Page

DUE DATE: MON., DEC. 12th, 2022 (11:59 pm)

Papers submitted after this deadline will be considered LATE.

- **LATE POLICY (SEE SYLLABUS FROM FIRST DAY OF CLASS!):** Papers turned after this deadline but before the final WED. DEC. 14th (NOON) deadline will be docked will be docked -7% -- A- becomes B, B+ becomes B-, etc.

*****No papers can be accepted after WED., DEC. 14th, 2022 (NOON) = Final Deadline.**

Please submit your work to our Submit page at submit103.lagcconline.com

before this important deadline.

FINAL PAPER GUIDELINES

- The following guidelines can help you make sure your final draft is 'complete.'

I. Argument and Essay Structure:

- About 5+ pages of essay writing, including:
 - Introduction and Thesis (about 1 page)
 - Body / Evidence Paragraphs (about 4 – 4.5 pages)
 - Conclusion (about ¾ of a page)
- Is there a clear thesis statement that argues something? Is this thesis clearly placed at the end of your first page or introductory paragraph(s)?
- Do you use transitions between and within paragraphs? (You don't have to be formulaic about this, but remember transition words still have a place in your research papers.)

II. Using Evidence: 'Close Reading' and Handling Sources

- Have you included quote sandwiches into your argument where you quote and cite your popular or scholarly essays (and other materials) correctly? Have you interpreted or analyzed the ideas/language of your sources to show that you have read and thought about them? Are there any 'lonely quotes' where material is quoted/cited but not adequately discussed? Do you cite these quotes and ideas correctly?

III. Avoiding Plagiarism

- Are all words in your essay your own?
 - *If they are not, are they in quotes? Are they cited correctly?
 - *Are there sentences with paraphrased ideas (facts / opinions from others)? If so, are these cited?
- As you proofread your final drafts, you should ask yourself:
 - *Does this phrase or sentence come from a source?
 - **If it does, use quotes and a citation. (QUOTE AND CITE)
 - *Does this sentence (which is completely in your own words) express an idea or fact from a source?

****If it does, you must still use a citation. (PARAPHRASE? YOU MUST STILL CITE!)**

*****IF YOU DO NOT ATTRIBUTE BOTH THE EXACT WORDS (QUOTES) AND THE IDEAS (PARAPHRASE) FROM YOUR SOURCES, IT IS PLAGIARISM AND IS NOT A PASSING PAPER.**

IV. Works Cited (about 2 - 3 pages)

•FOR THIS FINAL VERSION, ANNOTATIONS SHOULD BE REMOVED FROM YOUR WORKS CITED PAGE.

****Even if you don't cite every work on your Works Cited page, it should be listed. BUT MAKE SURE THAT YOU DO NOT 'BORROW' WORDS / IDEAS IN YOUR ESSAY WITHOUT CITATIONS!**

- Have you double-spaced your Works Cited entries, indenting the second, third (etc.) lines with no extra space between the entries?
- Is each entry correctly formatted? See the handout for "Creating a Works Cited Page" for complete examples.
- Do you have the correct distribution of sources?

*****PLEASE USE THE FEEDBACK FROM MILESTONE #3 -- PRELIMINARY DRAFT TO HELP YOU WORK ON THE AREAS OF YOUR PAPER THAT NEED THE MOST WORK!**

(A COPY OF THE RUBRIC IS ATTACHED TO THE END OF THIS HANDOUT, BELOW.)

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***Research Paper Guidelines - (From previous milestones):**

- 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) - (Also from previous milestones)**

- At least **1 relevant book** on your topic (obtained through LaGuardia's Library through CUNY+ or through its CLICS service, which allows you to borrow from any CUNY library quickly – see <http://library.laguardia.edu/services/clics> for more information). Of course, digital copies of books (through Google Books or similar databases), or ebooks, may be used to fulfill this requirement.
- At least **2 scholarly/critical essays or psychological studies** (or academic book chapters) that discuss your topic. Use EBSCOhost **Academic Search Complete** or **JSTOR** to find these types of sources.
- At least **2 journalistic articles** from 'reputable' publications (newspapers or magazines): You can use **LexisNexis** to find these type of 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).
- 2 'miscellaneous' sources:** These sources can be a mix of the above types (such as additional scholarly articles, book / film reviews and/or journalistic articles. They might also be additional photos (or film clips) – from reputable sources. **IF YOU CHOOSE TO WRITE ON A MOVIE, THE FILM (OR FILM CLIPS) WILL BE INCLUDED IN THIS CATEGORY.**

Milestone #3 – Research Paper Preliminary Draft – Feedback

| Area | A | B | C | D | NOT YET PASSING (F) |
|---|--|---|--|---|--|
| Grammar and Style (Level of Writing / Discussion) | Excellent -- Solid writing and very few major grammar errors | Good -- Solid writing and a few major grammar errors | Acceptable -- Mostly readable -- some major and minor errors | Fair -- Many stylistic errors but basically readable | Poor -- Too many stylistic errors prevent basic readability |
| Argument / Development / Flow | Excellent -- A clearly argued thesis with different points of view recognized (counterargument) | Good -- A clearly argued thesis with multiple sources / may be a few confusing passages | Acceptable -- There is a thesis and you do use some sources to back up what you say -- may not be clear control of sources or any sense of multiple viewpoints | Fair -- There is a thesis, but many confusing sections in your evidence -- draft is too short | Poor -- The essay is extremely off-topic or very disorganized -- or your draft is just too short |
| Number of Sources in Works Cited | 7-9 <i>Higher quality sources (responsible Library databases / high-quality journalism / scholarly articles / book chapter)</i> | 5-7 | 5 <i>Lower quality sources (from search engines / open Internet / 'random' online articles)</i> | 4 | <=3 |
| Number of Sources Discussed and Cited in Your Paper | 5 - 7 | 5 | 4 | 4 | <=3 |
| Paper Length | 6 - 7 pages (1,500-1750 words) | 6 - 7 pages (1,500 words minimum) | 5 - 6 pages (1,250 words minimum) | 4 pages (1,100 words minimum) | < 4 pages (< 1,100 words) |
| Works Cited Page | YES | YES | YES | YES | MISSING or NO ATTEMPT MADE TO CREATE VALID MLA CITATIONS |
| Plagiarism? | NO | NO | NO | NO | YES |
| Cites in Text for Quotes / Paraphrased Facts & Ideas | YES / YES | YES / YES | YES / YES | YES / YES | MISSING / MISSING |

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|---|--|
| Grammar and Style: | |
| Argument / Development / Flow: | |
| Works Cited Page / Use of Sources in Discussion: | |

*****It is important to revise this paper for the Final Draft, which is due on MON.**