

## What Makes a Good Research Paper?

### How you will be graded

- Content

Depth of research, Informative, Understanding of Topic  
General Interest      Student Interest

- Format

5 typed pgs,

12pt Times New Roman font

Dbl spaced

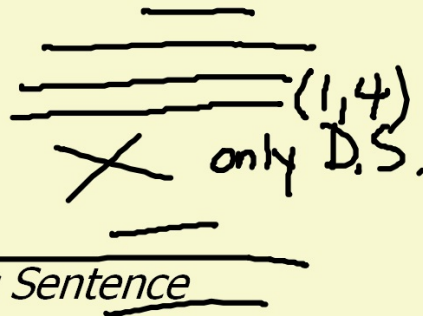
Proper Paragraph format - *Topic Sentence*

Only double space between paragraphs

1 inch margins

Pictures & diagrams at the end (is not included in the 5 page minimum)

work Cited Page - Cite w/in Paper MLA

  
A diagram illustrating paragraph structure. It shows a horizontal line representing a topic sentence, followed by four horizontal lines representing list items. To the right of the list items, the handwritten text "(1,4)" is written. Below the list items, there is a large handwritten "X" and the text "only D.S." (double spaced).

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- Mechanics

Clarity, Flow & Organization      Grammar, spelling, punctuation

- References

#5 minimum Sources & Requirements

Sources cited within paper

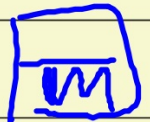
Minimum of 3 different types of References

MLA style work cited page

### ***References and Outline***

- Listen, read, and take notes
- Write a summary paragraph for each of your references describing what information they have that's interesting
- Write a category/theme for each paragraph
- Collect interesting statements (quotes) make notes on source

### **Organize your research information**



- Note cards or word document table
- Highlight key vocabulary that may need a definition explained in your paper
- Location for your quotes and source



### Intro Paragraph:

- Hook the audience into your topic
- Keep information general, don't dive into the paper yet.

### Do not use personal pronouns or slang:

- Avoid I, we, us, you, met, etc.
- Formal tone should be used



**Go into Depth:**

**- If you are finding that you are having difficulty making 5 pages, you are probably not researching the topic deep enough**

