

ENGL 1143 Week #3: July 18-21, 2021

Study: Research Paper Instructions

Week #3 content contains the **Research Paper Instructions** and all other research resources. Analyze and apply all instructions as you research and begin writing. Remember that when you need further instruction, I am available through email and Zoom. Contact me during office hours. We can set up meeting times.

Respond: Email due Monday, July 18, 2022 by 11:00 PM

At the beginning of the semester you sent me a paragraph by email about your chosen hero or admired public figure and his/her/their feet of clay. (Make certain that you read my response.)

Your second email assignment is to determine your research topic. Your hero is one of many who have these particular feet of clay. When many have a weakness, that weakness creates a social issue. For example, if your hero is Chris Brown and his weakness is assaulting his significant others, the larger social issue is domestic violence.

Explain your thought process in your email. See the **Email Research Topic Sample** in the Week #3 content. Use it as a model.

Watch for my response to your proposed topic. I will toss the idea back to you if the issue isn't acceptable.

Read: EBook Chapter 8

It's Research Week! Research involves a variety of academic and nonacademic sources. However, college research papers are supported by **peer-reviewed journal articles**—"academic articles." **You need 3 for your research paper.** You find these in two places: Google Scholar (which may charge you for sources) and MSU's library databases.

Rarely can you find a peer-reviewed article on a website, but if you think you have, "CRAP" determines whether or not the article is academic. Watch the [CRAP Test](#) by MSU Moffett Library. The lesson supports Chapter 8.

Read: EBook Chapter 9

Write: Annotated Bibliography due Wednesday, July 20, 2022, by 11:00 PM

- Your bibliography needs a minimum of 4 sources. Of these, 3 must be peer-reviewed journal articles.
- After reading Chapter 9, annotate your sources. Main ideas in the margin of a text are the information you need to write a summary of an article.
- Next use the "rules of thumb" for writing an effective paragraph summary. Do this for each of your 4 required sources for your research paper.
- You also need each article's citation. If you use MSU's database *Academic Search Complete*, it builds a citation for you. Open the PDF of the article. Choose the envelope button in the right margin. On the new screen, type in your email address and, most importantly, **change the APA format to MLA**. Then send. Your email will receive the article and the citation in proper format. (Sometimes a citation needs capitalization and italics tweaked, so always check Chapter 9.2 in the eBook).
- Note: your research paper requires a 4th source. It may be peer-reviewed or not, academic or non-academic. It must still be cited, though. So build its citation by using the MLA guidelines (Chapter 9.2).
- An **Annotated Bibliography Sample** is in the Week #3 Content. Note that the entries are alphabetized.

Plan and Write: Research Paper

Week #3 content includes **Resources for Writing a Research Paper**. Use any that will help you to organize and present your research thoughtfully.

Read: EBook

- Chapter 10.2, 10.3—Claim and Thesis
- Chapter 11.2 Understand, 11.3—Synthesis and Citation
- Chapter 12.2—Competing Claims (Alternative Perspectives)