

**REQUIRED! ENGLISH**  
**Draft DUE: March 4, 2010**  
**Final DUE: March 25, 2010**

**Culminating Project**  
**Research Paper**

The research paper component will demonstrate the student's mastery of written English. Students will use a combination of research and first-hand experience to compose a paper that reflects their ability and K-12 education training. This paper should demonstrate the student's ability to think analytically, logically, and creatively and to integrate experience and knowledge to form reasoned judgments and solve problems.

Research Paper Guidelines

Length	5-7 pages (excluding table of contents, bibliography, appendixes)
Font	12 point, Times or Times Roman
Spacing	Double spaced, no extra spaces between paragraphs
Margins	One (1) inch margins top, bottom and sides
Page numbers	All pages shall be numbered at the bottom of each page
Format	MLA, use internal citations, or APA for research using the scientific method
Works Cited	Each paper should cite a minimum of six (6) sources. It is possible to have many more. Students should make it a point to cite a variety of sources: books, electronic, periodicals and personal interviews. Internal or parenthetical citations to credit sources are required. Wikipedia will not be recognized as a credible source.
Topic	Selected by student (career, civic action or passion), approved by teacher
Plagiarism	Academic integrity is paramount. Student receives a grade of zero for cheating or plagiarizing.

Timeline (Additional pieces due will be determined by your English teacher)

Item	Due Date	Approved
Research		
Choose topic		
Questioning Toolkit ( <a href="http://www.fno.org/nov97/toolkit.html">http://www.fno.org/nov97/toolkit.html</a> )		
Project Proposal Worksheet		
Research Paper Outline to English Teacher	December 4, 2009	
First draft to English Teacher	March 4, 2010	
Peer Edit/Review		
Self Assessment		
Final Copy to English Teacher	March 25, 2010	