

Research Paper Guidelines

9th Grade English

Write a 1,400-word (approximately 6 pages) research paper on a noteworthy person or topic within the scientific field. The content will be graded by the Science Department. All other aspects of the paper will be graded by your English instructor. The paper is worth 200 points. The guidelines are as follows:

- The paper must be typed in MLA format. Please refer to the instructions previously provided to you in the research paper handbook. If you are unable to locate the handbook, please print another copy from Renweb. The handbook can be located under the documents tab.
- You must have a **minimum** of five (5) sources. **Three** (3) of the sources must be books. The remaining two may be from the internet. **No Wiki sources!**
- Two adults must proof the research paper.
- The paper must be submitted online to Turn-It-In to be checked for plagiarism.
- A paper copy of the paper must be submitted to your instructor for grading purposes. Failure to submit the paper on time will result in a grade of **zero (0)**.
- Please do not contact me the night before the paper is due requesting that I print your paper for you.
- The paper is due the day students return from spring break.
- Ten (10) bonus points will be awarded for early submission of papers. To receive bonus points, the paper must be submitted to your instructor before spring break begins. The paper must also be submitted to Turn-it-in prior to commencement of spring break. If the hard copy is submitted to the instructor, but the paper has not been submitted to Turn-it-in, the student will not be awarded bonus points.
- Instances of plagiarism will be turned over to the administration. Plagiarism will result in a grade of zero (0) and possible suspension. Students will not be allowed to “fix” the issues and resubmit the paper for grading.