

Research Report Assignment

Topic: Your choice. It's important that you choose something you really care about.

Length: 4-6 single-spaced pages written in your own words.

Final report must include a cover, at least two illustrations (photos, drawings, graphs, maps, etc.), and a bibliography with at least three sources listed accurately. You must also turn in your notes and drafts.

Due Dates:

Topic and Outline: Friday, January 13

First Draft: Friday, February 3

Revised Draft: Friday, February 17

Final Draft: Friday, March 2

We will be working on this report in class. Bring your Research Project Folder with all your notes, drafts, etc. to class every day.

Rubric for Research Report

Ideas/Content

Topic is clear, focused, and manageable.

Writing comes from your own knowledge and experience.

Report contains enough information to explain the topic completely.

Writing shows a thorough understanding of the subject.

Relevant, telling, quality details add "life" to your report.

Uses anecdotes, personal experiences, fascinating facts, or quotations to capture the reader's interest.

Reader's questions are anticipated and answered.

Shows insight.

Organization

Introduction captures the reader's interest and tells what the report is about.

Body of the report is organized by paragraphs. Each paragraph is focused on one subtopic and includes a topic sentence and supporting details.

Sequencing of paragraphs is logical and effective.

Thoughtful transitions between paragraphs.

Conclusion summarizes main points and lets the reader know the report is finished.

<p>Sentence Fluency The writing flows smoothly and sounds natural. Sentence length and structure are varied.</p>	
<p>Word Choice Use of rich, colorful, precise language moves and enlightens the reader.</p>	
<p>Voice The writing expresses your own personality and style.</p>	
<p>Conventions Uses correct grammar, syntax, punctuation, capitalization, and spelling.</p>	
<p>Presentation Report is written legibly in cursive. Properly formatted. Report is complete: includes a cover page, two illustrations and the bibliography (with at least three sources accurately listed). Notes and drafts must also be turned in.</p>	
<p>Punctuality All phases of writing process completed and turned in on time.</p>	

Scoring: 5=Strong; 4=Effective; 3=Developing; 2=Emerging; 1=Not Yet