

Research project: how to earn the grade you want

Minimum for a D (Passing):

yes no.... eCard file is complete and correct (source, fact and subtopic for each row), including at least 10 eCards.

yes no.... The paper is at least 1000 words long (including title page, outline, body and works cited).

yes no.... Complete eCard file has been **printed** or **emailed** to teacher at **bowena@sd5.k12.mt.us**

yes no.... **All** facts are cited (unless common knowledge OR writer's own experience/opinion/analysis).

yes no.... **All** paraphrases are cited.

yes no.... No unquoted evidence sounds like it was copied word for word.

yes no.... All direct quotes (≥ 3 words copied from source) are set off by quotation marks " " and cited.

yes no.... There is at least one cite per paragraph.

yes no.... Every citation matches up exactly with one (and only one!) entry in Works Cited.

yes no.... Sections of the paper are present and in order. (sections below)

body. included DOUBLE-SPACED

works cited included

Minimum for a C = all of the above, plus:

yes no.... Sources used are credible and legitimate.

yes no.... The introduction starts with a strong grabber and ends with the thesis.

yes no.... Works Cited entries are complete and formatted by MLA standards.

yes no.... All four sections of the paper are present and in order. (sections below)

title page included typed placed as first page includes word count

outline included typed placed second

body. included DOUBLE-SPACED typed placed third

works cited included typed placed last

yes no.... Every fact in the paper (direct quote or paraphrase) matches its eCard.

yes no.... All topics in the paper appear in the order of the outline.

yes no.... Facts are relevant and specific.

yes no.... The paper has been spell-checked and proofread. There are no careless errors.

Minimum for a B = all of the above, plus:

yes no.... Most ($\geq 90\%$) of the paper is paraphrased in writer's own words (with sources cited!).

yes no.... Each body paragraph employs CEAL strategies.

yes no.... The conclusion starts with the restated thesis and ends with a strong clincher.

yes no.... Every sentence makes sense on its own.

yes no.... Every sentence makes sense in its paragraph.

yes no.... Every paragraph makes sense in the paper.

yes no.... Bias of sources, if any, is noted and discussed.

yes no.... Works Cited entries are alphabetized by first letter of each entry.

yes no.... There are at least 10 different sources cited in paper and listed in Works Cited.

yes no.... All four sections of the paper are present and in order. (sections below)

outline includes thesis

works cited sources in alphabetical order

Minimum for an A = all of the above, plus:

yes no.... There are clear transitions between paragraphs, and between topics.

yes no.... Paper has a strong "voice," showing the writer's individuality and engagement with the topic.

yes no.... The information is clearly presented; the writer helps the reader follow along and understand.

yes no.... Every Works Cited entry has at least one cite in the body.

yes no.... The paper is at least 1400 words long (including title page, outline, body and works cited).

yes no.... Direct quotes are used sparingly, and carefully chosen for maximum effect.

Count total number of parenthetical citations in the paper # cites

Count total number of eCards in file (# rows) # eCards

Deduct one letter grade for: (1) not using one of your **assigned countries** OR
(2) not addressing **problem/solution** OR (3) not submitting completed **checkpoint page**.