

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).
- 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.... 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.... No words, phrasings, or sentences sound like they were copied from a source.
- 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. (elements included below)
- body DOUBLE-SPACED included
- works cited included

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

- yes no.... Sources used are credible and legitimate.
- 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. (elements included below)
- title page included typed placed as first page includes word count
- outline included typed placed second
- body DOUBLE-SPACED included typed placed third
- works cited included typed placed last
- yes no.... Every fact in the paper (direct quote or paraphrase) is also on an eCard.
- yes no.... The source information on each eCard matches the source information in the citation.
- yes no.... The conclusion starts with the restated thesis and ends with a strong clincher.
- yes no.... All topics in the paper appear in the order of the outline.
- yes no.... Facts are relevant and authoritative.
- yes no.... All sections of the paper have 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.... The introduction starts with a strong grabber and ends with the thesis.
- yes no.... Each body paragraph employs CEAL strategies.
- 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. (elements included 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