

English Composition II: English 102. 016
Research Paper Assignment Sheet

Directions: Students are to choose an approved topic for their research paper. Ideally, the topic should be a topic from the list of research interests the class generated during the first week of classes.

Students will write a 6- to 8-page research paper on their chosen topic. The topic should be narrow enough to discuss within 6 to 8 pages.

The due date for this research paper is Friday, March 15, 2019.

Format:

In English courses, **MLA format is used**; absolutely no APA is accepted!

Head your paper as indicated on the syllabus. Include your name, your professor's title and last name, the course and the date in the following format: day of the month, the month spelled out, and the year (Example: 15 March 2019). All of this information belongs in the upper left-hand corner of the first page of your research paper. **Do not include a cover page!** Provide a title for your research paper, and center it.

In the upper right-hand corner of all of your pages, include your last name and page numbers (Johnson 2). First, click on "Insert" and then "Page Number #"; then type your name in front of the page number on one page. Your name should appear on other pages after you do that.

Research papers must be typed, and double space the whole document. Even double space between lines of a paragraph! Use Times New Roman, size 12 font throughout the whole paper, including the Works Cited page.

Sources:

Students may use both primary and secondary sources. Primary sources are original works, and they include eyewitness accounts, diaries, and historical documents. Secondary sources include scholarly reviews, biographies, and other sources that interpret primary sources.

Wikipedia is not a viable source to use in a research paper, so please do not even think about using it. Anyone can go onto Wikipedia and alter information without being an expert on the subject!

Students must use scholarly sources for this research paper; popular sources are undesired. Popular sources are those that are not written by experts in the field. They can be found on newsstands and are magazines such as *People*, *Time*, *Ebony*, *Jet*, and many others. Stay away from these. Scholarly sources, on the other hand, are not so readily accessible and tend to be found in college/university and local libraries' databases. Scholarly sources are written by subject-matter experts and are published in peer-reviewed academic journals.