

EN 104 FINAL PAPER CHECKLIST

PERSUASIVE RESEARCH PAPER

Attached is a final paper checklist to help you make sure that you have all the parts necessary for the best grade. Please download it and compare it against your paper.

- ___ Paper is set up in **12-point Times New Roman** font with 1-inch margins
- ___ Paper has a title page with all necessary information, page header and a running head
- ___ All pages have a header with a page number
- ___ Body of the paper is **4-5 double-spaced pages, in addition add your title page and Reference page (totaling 6-7 pages).**
- ___ Paper is organized according to strategies learned in class
- ___ Address major opposing arguments, and respond to them in order to leave no doubt in the minds of your audience.
- ___ Argumentative strategies are logical and avoid using known fallacies
- ___ Paragraphing is strong and each paragraph has a topic sentence that guides the paragraph
- ___ Transitional language is used to guide the flow of the paper (use of transitional words and phrases)
- ___ Sources used in paper are credible. **Use a minimum of 4 outside sources.** Include this on your Reference Page.
- ___ Paper includes and APA-formatted reference page
- ___ **Have at least 80% of each paragraph in your own words. If using a quotation, be sure to put it inside quote marks "..."**
- ___ All information that is not common knowledge or your own ideas is cited with an in-text citation and an entry on the reference page (Common knowledge is information that is common to the industry or subject you are writing about.)
- ___ In-text citations and reference entries have been checked against each other to make sure there are no extra sources in either place (use about 1 in-text citation per body paragraph for a good integration of your research into your text)
- ___ Paper has a strong introduction paragraph with a clear persuasive thesis statement and a conclusion paragraph that summarizes the paper
- ___ Example of two correct thesis statements:
The insanity plea is not a valid defense and should not result in a different sentence.
The use of the death sentence should be abolished because too many wrongful deaths have resulted in the past.
- ___ The paper makes a strong case for the topic
- ___ Remember, your audience is intelligent but not experts on your subject. Be written from third-person authoritative perspective.

____ Paper has been edited meticulously for style, spelling, grammar, punctuation and sentence construction and fluency, and has been spell checked

- Submit this paper to the link below **by 11:59 p.m. by Thursday of Week 7.**
- This week's final project corresponds to learning objectives 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.