

Senior Research Paper for Government

During the third grading period all government students will be writing a research paper. Students will write the paper on a topic that relates in some way to government. Students will choose their own topic and clear it with Mrs. Swinehart. The topic can be related to any level of government. Students will be given a booklet that outlines the expectations, explains the APA format and gives the due dates of the various parts of the project. Expect this booklet on February 19, 2010. (Dates are always subject to change due to inclement weather.) Mr. Brownfield provides a template, on the high school web site, of the APA format for students to follow. This project is broken down into steps so that students earn grades for completing the various steps, and so that Mrs. Swinehart can check on their progress.

The following are the dates planned for the project.

February 19, 2010	Project Assigned and booklets distributed.
February 22, 2010	Three possible topics due
February 22-24, 2010	Research of possible topics in the computer lab
February 24, 2010	Final topic due
February 26, 2010	Thesis statement due
March 1-3, 2010	Research in the computer lab
March 2, 2010	5 Note cards due
March 3, 2010	15 Note cards due
March 4, 2010	25 Note cards due
March 10-12, 2010	Type rough drafts in the computer lab
March 12, 2010	Rough Drafts due
March 19, 2010	Rough Drafts returned for revisions
March 24-26, 2010	Final Drafts typed in the computer lab
March 26, 2010	Final Drafts due (No late papers will be accepted)

Papers will not be accepted after the March 26, 2010 due date. All papers will be submitted to Mrs. Swinehart as a hard copy. All papers will also be submitted to the turnitin.com website to be checked for plagiarism.