

## Research Paper Guidelines

*Students should choose a topic that provides background information regarding their project. The following guidelines have been set forth by the senior English teachers.*

- The finished research paper is due to your English teacher on Friday, November 20, 2010
- Thesis-based research paper
  - Seven (7) to ten (10) typed pages, excluding the images
  - Include original research without plagiarism. TurnItIn.com originality report required
  - Research topic and thesis statement must be approved by the English teacher
  - Ten (10) different sources to be used in the paper
  - Sources are to be scholarly, trade or refereed Journals (3 minimum). All sources are to be considered reputable and respected sources from a variety of authors. Cite credible sources, no tabloid or personal websites
  - One (1) rough draft, one (1) final draft required
  - \*Follow MLA-style guidelines: typed, double spaced, one sided, one inch margins, size
  - 12 font, Times New Roman, parenthetical documentation, in text Citation and Works
  - Cited page.

\*Science-based papers may use a hypothesis. Consult your science teacher for scientific paper Format

\*Science-based papers will use APA format

Further details will be available from your English teacher. Minor alterations and additions may differ from teacher to teacher so discuss your individual concerns with your teacher.