

Research Paper Guidelines

Writing a research paper is a mandatory component of the Culminating Project. You will plan, research, and write a paper on a topic related to your hands-on product. There will be specific assignments related to the process of the research due in English class, and the final draft of the paper will be due on **Tuesday, December 15th**. You will receive a grade for the paper in your English class, and as stated earlier, it is also a mandatory component of the Culminating Project. Therefore, students who are not enrolled in a senior English class at Colville High School must make contact with an English teacher to get the necessary information. Those students' paper grades will be applied to their CWP grades.

The specific guidelines for the paper are:

- Must be word processed in 12-point Times New Roman font
- Must follow correct MLA format including margins, documentation, Works Cited, etc.
- 1 inch margins are required (Microsoft Word defaults to 1.25 inch, so manual change will be required!)
- Must be 5 full pages of text—this does not include the Works Cited page(s).
- Must develop an arguable thesis on a topic that is related to your hands-on product.
- Must cite 6 varied sources.
- Works Cited must accompany paper in order for it to be read and scored.
- Must adhere to the rubric guidelines for the Research Paper.
- Plagiarism will result in a “0” for the paper. All papers will be submitted through turnitin.com, including re-do papers.
- Those papers which have not been submitted through turnitin.com will not be read. This will result in a “0” for the paper.
- Those papers which do not meet the margin, font, and spacing requirements will not be read. This will result in a “0” for the paper.

You should save all of your work in multiple places (on the CHS server and a disk); computer problems will not be accepted as justification for accepting late work. You should plan on spending numerous hours researching, planning, note taking, outlining, writing, revising, proofreading, word processing and finalizing this paper. Well-written research requires much thought, preparation, and hard work.

In addition to the final research paper, students will need to complete the following assignments. Due dates for these assignments will be specific to the student's English class. These assignments will be given a grade in the English class and will be required to be included in the portfolio. (Running Start students must submit these assignments to their CWP teacher and will adhere to the due dates set in the Senior Research and Writing classes).

- Typed Outline
- Typed and Evaluated Rough Draft