

Traditional Research Paper Model Description and Guidelines

<p>Description: This model consists of a traditional type research paper based on original and previously published research related to the topic. The paper must be thesis-based rather than a survey of a subject.</p>
<p>Suggestions: The student should meet with the instructor to determine a discipline-specific topic.</p>
<p>Resources: The student should use primary sources whenever possible. Sources may include academic journals, books, articles (from major publications and newspapers), expert documentation (interviews), and appropriate Internet sites.</p>
<p>Documentation: This model must be correctly formatted and documented using the APA or MLA style. The style will be indicated by the directing professor.</p>
<p>Guidelines: The project must be 2,000 to 5,000 words with ten (10) sources cited and included in a 'Works Cited' or 'References' page. The ten sources do not include encyclopedias or dictionaries, although these sources may be used in addition to the ten. The paper must be well written with proper grammar, spelling, and punctuation. The student will present the project orally to the class.</p>

Checklist for Traditional Research Paper:

- ✓ The paper has a clearly stated thesis;
- ✓ The paper is at least 2000 words;
- ✓ At least ten substantive sources have been consulted, are cited in the text, and are listed in the "Works Cited";
- ✓ The sources are correctly formatted in MLA or APA style parenthetically in the body of the text and in the "Works Cited."