Steps for creating a research paper:

* Step 1: Decide upon your topic
* Step 2: Research your topic and create a thesis. Find out more information about it. Create an essential question that you want answered about your topic. Write a thesis statement stating what you believe is the answer to your question. (HANDOUT)
* Step 3: Research and create note cards (5 notecards minimum; see HANDOUT)
* Step 4: Create outline (HANDOUT)
* Step 5: Write rough draft #1
* Step 6: Proofread, revise, and rewrite the paper
* Step 7: Create a bibliography (easybib, bibme, noodle tools)
* Step 8: Peer edit revised draft (HANDOUT)
* Step 9: Revise and rewrite final draft
* Step 10: Turn in final draft

What needs to be included in my final paper?

* Cover page
* Paper
  + Introduction, thesis, body, conclusion
  + Two in-text citations
* Bibliography

How should my paper be formatted?

* 12 font
* Black ink
* Times New Roman
* Double spaced

What length should my paper be?

* 4 total pages maximum
  + 1 page minimum/2 pages maximum for paper – MLA formatting
  + 1 cover page – MLA formatting
  + 1 bibliography page – MLA formatting

How will I be graded?

* 25 points – sign off sheet for meeting all deadlines
* 75 points – Final Paper Rubric

Due Dates:

* Essential question & thesis – Tues, May 9 (end of class)
* Research & note cards – Wed, May 10 (beginning of class)
* Outline – Wed, May 10 (end of class)
* Rough Draft #1 – Thurs, May 11 (beginning of class)
* Proofread, revise, rewrite – Fri, May 12 (beginning of class)
* Create bibliography – Fri, May 12 (end of class)
* Self/peer edit 2nd draft & bibliography – Mon, May 15 (end of class)
* Submit final draft – Tues, May 16 (beginning of class)

Research Paper Process – Part A (25 points)

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| STEP | POINT VALUE | SCORE |
| 1 – Choose Topic | 1 |  |
| 2 – Essential Question | 1 |  |
| 3 – Resources | 1 |  |
| 4 – Notecards/Bibliography Cards | 1 |  |
| 5 – Thesis Statement | 1 |  |
| 6 – Outline | 1 |  |
| 7 – Turn in First Draft | 5 |  |
| 8 – Rewrite First Draft | 1 |  |
| 9 – Bibliography | 2 |  |
| 10 – Revise Second Draft | 1 |  |
| 11 – Turn in Second Draft | 1 |  |
| 12 – Submit Final Copy | 5 |  |
| Correct Number of Sources | 1 |  |
| Page Requirements Met | 3 |  |
| TOTAL POINTS | 25 |  |