

Self-Reflection Checklist for the Personalized Research Paper

- Has the process of searching and writing been a genuine learning experience for you? Do you feel you have taught the reader something valuable?
- Does your topic lend itself to investigation and discovery? Have you taken an active rather than a passive role in your search?
- What special insights do you think you have offered on your topic?
- Is your paper structured, either implicitly or explicitly, according to the three-part format design in the explanation of the assignment? Which of the three sections do you feel is the strongest and why?
- Have you included both firsthand and secondhand research? Did you include in-text citations and a works cited page?
- Does your paper have continuity (does it hang together and follow logically)? How did you tie the different sections together?
- Have you supported your main points with ample use of examples?
- What techniques have you used to make your paper interesting?
- Do you feel your own “voice” as a writer has come through in your paper?
- Do you feel you experimented with different sentence patterns and lengths?
- Have you proofread your paper carefully and checked for correct spelling, sentence structure, grammar, punctuation, etc.?
- Overall, are you pleased with your paper? What are its strengths?
- What still needs improving?