

Research Paper Process Worksheet

Name of Assignment: _____

Paper Due Date: _____

Target 1st Draft Date: _____ Target 2nd Draft Date: _____

Citation Format (Circle one): MLA APA Chicago

Important Assignment Notes (e.g. 4-5 pages, include 4 scholarly sources):

Topic chosen for paper: _____

Brainstorming Space: Use this space to write down what you know about the topic. What are your assumptions before conducting research?

Background Research Target Completion Date: _____

Gather basic facts about the topic. Try answering the following questions to help focus your research, and do not forget to note where the information was located.

- What is happening? _____
- How is it happening? _____
- Why is it happening? _____
- When is it happening? _____
- Why is it important? _____

Log Online Sources:

Useful Information	Title of Source	Name of Website

Working Thesis/Research Question: Create an opinion or well-developed question that you want to answer in the paper about the topic. Refer to the ACE [Creating a Thesis Statement](#) and [Thesis Templates](#) handouts for more information about how to write a thesis statement.

In-Depth Research Target Completion Date: _____

What are some keywords that can be associated with your opinion or question? (Use these keywords as tools for searching the Germanna Library Databases)

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Library Research Worksheet

Title	Author(s)	Resource Type (i.e. book, online article, scholarly journal, newspaper)	Publication Date	Summary of Information

Outline Target Completion Date: _____

I. Introduction

A. Engage the Audience: _____

B. Background Information/Context:

Main Point 1: _____

Main Point 2: _____

Main Point 3: _____

C. Thesis: _____

II. Main Point 1: _____

a. _____

b. _____

c. Conclusion: _____

Transition: _____

III. Main Point 2: _____

a. _____

b. _____

c. Conclusion: _____

Transition: _____

IV. Main Point 3: _____

a. _____

b. _____

c. Conclusion: _____

V. Conclusion

A. Rephrased Thesis: _____

B. Summary of Body Paragraphs

Main Point 1: _____

Main Point 2: _____

Main Point 3: _____

C. So What? What Now? _____

