

I-Search Project

I-search papers are designed to teach the I-search writer, and those that reader it, valuable information on a chosen subject. As the writer you look for facts in numerous areas and then record your process in a step-by-step fashion.

There are many topics explored each year in your History and Language Arts classes that are related to current events or historical events. Through the I-search project, you will choose one of the topics from this year and explore it in a more thorough fashion.

Steps:

1. Choose a question that has been explored in class
2. Have your question approved by your teacher
3. Develop an answer to the question
4. Support your answer with a body of researched evidence

Recommended List of General Topics:

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Required parts of the assignment: Written and Oral

Written Assignment

The final paper must be in MLA format, typed, double spaced, and size 12 font (Times New Roman or Arial).

1. General Format

- a. Include a title page in MLA format
- b. Number the pages in the upper right hand corner with your name, and page number. Do not number the title page.

2. What I know:

- a. Brainstorm in your History to form a list of potential I-search topics.
- b. Choose a question that interests you.
- c. Write a one to two paragraph paper explaining what you think is the answer to your question. This must be done **before** you start your research. Support this answer with examples from your History and Language Arts classes. Please give specific examples.

Due Date: _____

3. What I want to find out:

- a. Write one or two paragraphs of questions about your topic.
- b. These questions will be the basis for your research.
- c. Narrow your topic and develop a list of key terms to research. It is essential to narrow your topic or your I-search will be extremely difficult, if not impossible, to complete.

Due Date: _____

4. The search:

- a. Use at least five different sources to research your topic.
- b. Acceptable sources: the Internet, books, magazine or newspaper articles, interviews, movies, encyclopedias and almanacs, or primary source documents, such as interviews.
- c. Include all of the information that you've learned from each source in paragraph format. You will probably have more than one paragraph of information for each source. This may be the longest section of your paper.
- d. Cite all sources in MLA format. Anything that is not common knowledge must be credited in MLA format.
- e. At least _____ quotations must be included that support your answer to the topic you have chosen.

Due Date: _____

5. What I learned:

Write one or two paragraphs that answer your question based on the evidence that you listed in section 3, *the search*.

6. Works Cited:

Create a list of your sources based on MLA format. Please remember that this is not a bibliography, which includes everything that you researched whether or not you used the information in your paper. A Works Cited page only includes the sources of the materials you actually used in your paper.

***Final paper due:** _____

YOU MUST HAVE THREE COPIES.

Oral Presentation

You will be assigned date for your oral presentation.

Presentations will begin _____

Your presentation date: _____

Requirements:

1. What I learned:

Provide a 2-3 minute summary of your question and its answer. Be prepared to answer follow up questions from the class and your teacher.