Eng. III Argumentative Research Paper Format

**The Eng. III Research Paper Counts as TWO TEST GRADES**

* Choose an arguable issue from one of the following areas:
	+ - **Literature**
		- **Current Events**
		- **Career/Profession**
* Follow **MLA** guidelines for formatting the following required components:
* Outline
* Essay
* Parenthetical documentation (in-text citation)
* Works Cited page
* Note cards & source cards (PowerPoint)
* Essay must include the following:
* **Intro** with hook, bridge & thesis
* One paragraph of **background** info or **history** of the issue
* One paragraph presenting the **opposing side**
* **Supporting side** body paragraphs in which you develop your arguing points (at least one paragraph per point)
* **Closing paragraph** with restated thesis, final analysis, and at least two recommendations concerning how your issue should be resolved
* NO Wikipedia or other encyclopedias as sources
* Use high quality sources: **.edu** and **.gov** are BEST resources, followed by .org and .com (both can be biased)

**Components and Requirements (in brief):**

* Introductory paragraph
* History/background paragraph
* Opposing side paragraph
* 1st arguing point paragraph
* 2nd arguing point paragraph
* 3rd arguing point paragraph
* Closing paragraph

## MLA Formatting Tricks and Tips

* Before typing anything, choose “Remove space after paragraph” under “Paragraph” button
* For header, choose “Insert page number”; the header should include your LAST NAME and page number (NOTHING else!)
* You must change the header’s font & size separately from the main document; these need to be consistent (Times New Roman, size 12)
* No bold, bigger font size or underlining in title
* No extra spaces between paragraphs, header and title, or title and opening paragraph
* Use the “Tab” button to indent new paragraphs.
* Student & parent will sign school-wide **plagiarism pledge** and submit essays to **turnitin.com** (essays must score in green)
* Essay (excluding the outline and WC page) must be 4 full-6 typed pages for Eng. III, **5 full-7 typed pages** **for Honors**
* Works Cited page:
* No fewer than **five** different sources
* Grading will follow the **Eng. III writing rubric** (see handout and document on my webpage)

Grades (tentative list) and Due Dates (subject to change with class notification---dates will not be advanced):

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| Component | Grade Book Value | Due Date |
| Topic Proposal (Thesis Statement Worksheet) | Quiz Grade |  |
| Source Cards | Test Grade |  |
| Outline | Test Grade |  |
| Articles | Assignment Grades (one each, so five total) |  |
| Rough Draft ( printed and “marked” and submitted with “target page”) | Quiz Grade |  |
| Final Product | TWO Test Grades (major) |  |