

Freshman Experimental Design Project - Part Three

Background Research Paper

Name _____ Block _____

You have two weeks to research your topic. You should **focus on the most recent information** about your topic.

First, take notes from at least 4 sources (3 books and 1 Internet, or 1 book and 3 Internet, etc.). These notes will be used again later in Part 6 - Analysis & Conclusion.

Then write a two page **written report** following the scoring guide below. (Don't forget, a paragraph is a minimum of five sentences with the first sentence being the introduction and the last sentence being the conclusion.) This part of the Freshman Experimental Design Project will count as **120 Test Points**. Late coupons cannot be used on this project. Instead, 10% will be taken off for each day the Written Report on your research is late.

Date: The written report is due: Tuesday, March 4, 2003.

Background Research Scoring Guide

Written Report (90 points) _____

0	1	2	3	x 5	_____	Introduction Paragraph
0	1	2	3	x 5	_____	Paragraph #1 - summarize 1st source
0	1	2	3	x 5	_____	Paragraph #2 - summarize 2nd source
0	1	2	3	x 5	_____	Paragraph #3 - summarize 3rd source
0	1	2	3	x 5	_____	Paragraph #4 - summarize 4th source
0	1	2	3	x 5	_____	Conclusion Paragraph

Mechanics and Bibliography (30 points) _____

0	1	2	3	x 3	_____	BIBLIOGRAPHY shows proper format
0	1	2	3	x 2	_____	BIBLIOGRAPHY has 4 or more sources
0	1	2	3	x 2	_____	Typed or written neatly in <u>blue or black ink only</u>
0	1	2	3	x 1	_____	On one side only of <u>plain white paper</u>
0	1	2	3	x 2	_____	Organization & Writing Mechanics

Total: (120 points) _____

Note on Plagiarism:

Plagiarism is the **unacknowledged** and **inappropriate use** of the **ideas** or **wording** of **another writer**. Plagiarism is considered a grave violation of academic integrity and will result in one chance to rewrite the paper or take a zero. Most simply, plagiarism can be characterized as "academic theft" and is not tolerated in this school district.