

Research Concepts and Practice

Final Research Paper – 200 points

Topics:

You may choose any topic you wish, as long as your exploration of this topic includes **meaningful analysis** and an **arguable thesis**. By arguable thesis I mean either tackling a topic that has a clear pro and con (e.g. health care reform) or finding a personally meaningful topic and arguing your point of view on that topic (e.g. arguing for a specific, optimal management routine for children who suffer from ADHD.)

Hint: The final test for the validity of an argumentative topic should always be: “Would a significant number of people argue against my thesis?” If the answer is yes, you have a strong topic. If the answer is no, come talk to me!

Length:

Minimum of 2500 words, not including Works Cited.

Format:

MLA

Sources:

A minimum of 10 academically appropriate sources. A minimum of 3 sources must be from scholarly journals (print or online), and the remaining seven sources can be of any format as long as they have been fully vetted in terms of academic appropriateness.

Due Date:

The research paper is due on the last day of class, though there will be drafts (and meetings to go over drafts) due before then. Please check syllabus for exact dates.