

Research paper 4th Quarter 2009 Rivendell

Following Tapestry guidelines, the research paper is to be an expository essay, in that the student should form a thesis that must be proven and then go on to demonstrate its veracity through fact-filled arguments. The paper may be broken into three to five major sections supporting the thesis. The topic is American Immigration during the Gilded Age. Specifically, describe the obstacles that immigrants faced after they entered the United States and how they overcame them. The thesis is to be narrow enough to be thoroughly covered in at least four but no more than six pages, but broad enough that there is plenty of material for the student to draw from. The paper is to be double-spaced with 12 point Times New Roman or Arial font and not more than one-inch margins.

Also, the paper must include a works cited page to include all book sources. You must give credit when you paraphrase ideas from sources that you use. Document this with in-text citations. An in-text citation is simple: the last name of the book's author, a comma, and the page number where the information is found, enclosed in parentheses before the period at the end of the sentence (Wise-Bauer, 2). This last note came from Susan Wise-Bauer's website.

www.welltrainedmind.com/tacklingtheresearchpaper1.php

I have also recommended students use Writing Great Research Papers by Laurie Rozakis.

Title page

Title first-midpage

Then complete heading-name,date,class,teacher

Introduction paragraph

Thesis must be clear

Follow thesis handout

Outline of paper must be evident

Paragraphs

Strong topic sentences

Single ideas that directly relate to the thesis

Ideas completely explained with specific details, facts, dates, persons, events, etc...

Correct format, syntax, paraphrased quotes, etc...

Conclusion

Summation of ideas that support thesis

Works Cited/ Bibliography

List all books used (at least three sources)

Use in-text citations

Attachments

Expository essay planning worksheet

Graded rubric-- assisted by parent with parents' signature