

Note-Taking Guide for Research



Your notes are worth points, and will only be accepted hand-written. This method teaches you to paraphrase material, rather than being tempted to copy and paste large chunks of information into a Word document.

If you do take anything directly word for word, place words in quotation marks, to remind you that it must also be placed in quotations marks in your essay to avoid a “0” for plagiarism.

Your final product, an essay (done on your own) and a presentation (can be done in groups if same topic), due at the end of May, will require at least four sources worth of research, with sources scoring 40 or above with a “website validity” check. Be careful to find good sources to take notes on now, so that the work doesn’t double itself later.

When we turn in our iPads and use the lab/ library for research and presentation creations, remember that the library/ lab is a privilege. Abuse it, and your research and create your presentations at home. Use it well, and you’ll flourish.

Note Taking Guide for Wednesday, April 5th (handwritten!)

You must complete at least two pages of notes in smaller-sized writing (about the size of letters as the title at the top of this page). You are taking notes on information from the sites about your topic. Tiny bullets with very little lack of thought do not count. Even as you use a bullet point format, make your thoughts thorough and complete. Summarize, paraphrase, and add commentary of your own or questions of your own.

Additionally, I expect you to take notes on 2+ sources today, but feel free to use more sources if needed to meet your page requirement. I’ve included six source pages, as you’ll obviously continue to research and even may need more pages today. Each source should score 40+ on a website validity check. (You can scan through these; you do not need to complete them as actual worksheets, but add numbers up based on criteria.)

*Remember your focus—keep your notes focused on **ONE** topic you are interested in, and the bulk of your notes should be information that helps support **YOUR** viewpoint. Also remember to balance pathos, logos, and ethos. Find arguments appealing to emotion; arguments providing facts, statistics, and logic; and arguments helping prove credibility—endorsements of well-known people, sources from experts on the topic, etc.*

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