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## Research Paper Guidelines 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Directions: You will create a research paper on a topic of your choice. You will first get approval of your topic and then begin your research. Here are the guidelines:

Formatting:

### **Font:**

- Use Times New Roman, font size “12”throughout the paper (including the *Title Page* and *Reference Page*)

### **Margins**

- Under Page Setup in your word processor (open File menu in Microsoft Word), set all 4 margins (top, bottom, and both sides) for 1”
- Your document should be one-sided, left justified, and double spaced throughout it’s entirety

**Length of Paper:**•Your paper must stay within the guidelines of 4-5 pages in overall length

- The rough draft is not part of the paper, but it should be appended as a separate document for myself or your peers to review

### **References:**

- This research paper is a referenced document, and you must find a minimum of 4-5 quality sources to cite

Use your outline, notes, to help you. Present your final research paper using google docs

(PowerPoint). You may use your notecards to help you with this.

- Citation: USE APA CITATION

- A. Introduction – Topic
- B. Main Point #1 (Question)
  - 1. Sub Point
  - 2. Sub Point
  - 3. Sub Point
- C. Main Point #2 (Question)
  - 1. Sub Point
  - 2. Sub Point
  - 3. Sub Point
- D. Main Point #3 (Question)
  - 1. Sub Point
  - 2. Sub Point
- E. Conclusion (Wrap-up sentence)

- A. Introduction – The History of Thanksgiving
- B. When was the first Thanksgiving and why was it held?
  - 1. Plymouth
  - 2. Fall of 1621
  - 3. Harvest Celebration
- C. What happened at the first Thanksgiving?
  - 1. Pilgrims and Wampanoag
  - 2. Menu – no pumpkin pie!
  - 3. 3 day celebration
- D. How has this celebration/event changed over

## I. Source Cards

You will make one of these when you find a source that you are going to use in your paper. The purpose of this card is to record the bibliographic information. Here is an example:

Source #1
Farah, Mounir A., and Andrea Berens Karls. <i>World History: The Human Experience - The Modern Era</i> . New York: Glencoe, 2001.

You won't have that many source cards—probably 4-7. But you need them!

## Sample Note Card:

1. Source number → 3
2. Page number → Pg. 13
3. Heading → **Nixon was President during Watergate scandal**
4. One fact per card → **Nixon was impeached as a result of the scandal and forced to leave office.**