

## Research Paper Guidelines 6-8th Grade!

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 7 -10 pages in overall length

- You should have at least 6-8 pages of actual text The *Title Page* will be 1 page, and the *Reference Page(s)* will be 1-2 pages
- 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 7-10 quality sources to cite

For help with citations either in APA or MLA use <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/>  
<http://www.youtube.com/user/OWLPurdue>

Things to think about to help you: Use your outline, notes, to help you. Present your final research paper using google docs (PowerPoint). Slide show should consist of 15-20 high quality slides that include a video link etc. You may use your notecards to help you with this.

- 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

## 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.**