

## Research Paper Guidelines 4<sup>th</sup> Grade about your whale!

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

Your research paper should have the following facts about your whale: location, migration, endangered?, physical characteristics, diet, 15 fun facts. Remember to have an introduction, main body and conclusion.

Things to think about to help you: You know your topic, so the questions that you need to answer about location, migration, endangered?, physical characteristics, diet and fun facts should be included in your research paper. 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.

- 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.**