

The Final Paper

Your term paper must conform to the sample research paper on page 440 of the *Concise Wadsworth Handbook*. The term paper will have an introductory paragraph with a thesis, body of essay, and conclusion. This should be 1,500-2,000 words **NOT** including the works cited. Your paper will be written according to MLA 7 documentation. A rough draft will be handed in for a small grade plus my comments by April 23rd. The final draft of the term paper will be due at midnight on May 3rd.

Please email me (professorwend@gmail.com) by April 16th with your paper topic and some general idea of what your research paper will entail. Your topic should be scholarly in nature and narrow enough to fit into the scope of the paper length.

All research must be dated after 1999 and gathered using library research at the college library. A minimum of **four** sources is required for a passing grade. Make sure your paper is typed (Times New Roman Font Size 12), double spaced, titled, and has one inch margins. Please insert your last name and the page number (lastname_pagenumber) in the top right corner. A works cited page will be included on a separate page at the end of your paper. Please title your file "s10_eng101_lastname_paper4" Here are some sample topic ideas:

1. Domestic Terrorism
2. The history of the novel
3. 19th century attitudes towards women
4. History of prisons
5. Net Neutrality
6. Home schooling
7. Sexism in advertising
8. Changing role of print media
9. History of suicide
10. Mandatory Minimum laws
11. Eating disorders
12. Animal testing
13. Intellectual property and computer piracy
14. Piracy on the high seas
15. Internet privacy
16. Assisted suicide
17. Stem cell research
18. Private military contractors
19. Vaccinations
20. The history of Thanksgiving

If you would like to choose another topic, absolutely feel free! The sample topics are just ideas to get you started. Please, *please*, avoid hot button topics like abortion, marijuana legalization, illegal immigration and other similar issues.