

Name: _____

Research Paper Topic: or subject: _____

Due Date: ____ (to be filled by the teacher) _____

First Draft Due date: (date filled in by teacher)

The Draft includes your topic, and 5 facts on your topic

Below are some ideas on how you can

1. My topic is interesting because (important fact)

2. If I were a detective I would
investigate _____
3. My topic is factual because

4. Two people affiliated with this topic are

5. The timeline for my topic is (present – or a specific date)

Collect facts and sources for your topic – while you are researching remember to ask yourself questions like:

- a. This is important because it changed or did what
- b. Dates are important, but what was happening at that time in history is more important
- c. Think global – during this time in history what was happening in different countries
- d. Look into the future what did or could change because of your topic

Fact 1.

Fact 2.

Fact 3.

Fact 4.

Fact 5.

Who is the author of each fact

Second Draft

1. The (topic) is _____
2. A question I have about the topic
is: _____
3. I can bring my audience in by using words like:
 - a. Curious
 - b. Wonder
 - c. This event changed
 - d. Future implications for this are
 - e. Prove
 - f. Convey

Complete the following check list after EACH draft

- ☐ Use an auditory word processor to LISTEN to your paper. Fix the mistakes.
- ☐ Use spell check
- ☐ Use Control F to look for small words (good, small, like, because, big)
- ☐ Replace little words with words that make sense from the Thesaurus
- ☐ Run a readability status and record the score _____
- ☐ Check for punctuation - did you use any punctuation besides a period?

My paper now needs 6-8 paragraphs

Use transitional words to assist with connecting each paragraph

- a. nevertheless,
- b. rather,
- c. such as,
- d. therefore,

Tie the conclusion into the beginning of the paper

1. Past research has shown that _____ yet the facts found in _____(authors) convey _____
2. This event is likened to _____
3. One can only wonder if _____(author one) had coffee with (author two)
4. A change such as _____ caused a domino effect that changed _____

Run the checklist again