

P.E. – 9 Quarter Project Research Paper

The project for this quarter is to research a specific topic concerning fitness and the issues associated with it. The topic must be selected from the approved topic list provided, or another topic of your choice that is approved by your instructor. You will be granted 4 library study/research days to help you get started or to make progress on your report. Your report must meet the following guidelines:

- The text of your report must be a minimum of 3 or more (but not over 5 please) pages long. Pictures, diagrams, etc. are extra.
- Your report must be double-spaced.
- Print in your report must be 12 cpi in Times New Roman font.
- The margins of your report must be 1” wide.
- Your report must include a separate title page that includes your name and the title of your report.
- Your report must be organized to include an opening paragraph that introduces the reader to your topic and a concluding paragraph that contains a personal reflection on your topic/issue (what you think is significant or important about the issues raised in your paper).
- You must use at least three (3) credible/expert sources for your information that are no older than 20 years, with emphasis on more recent sources. No more than one (1) source may be from the open web. You must annotate all free web sources. Annotations must establish the authority (credentials) of the author or organization. You must use at least two (2) different categories of source materials (ie. Internet, books, newspapers etc.).
- Credible sources are those who are experts in their field or are recognized as having authority in their field, such as doctors, researchers or recognized research organizations (ie. Center for Disease Control – CDC) writing for credible periodicals.
- In order to include a source in your bibliography, you must have cited it in your paper using in-text citation methods as described by Mrs. Camp and Mr. Stegink.
- Your bibliography must be presented in the MLA format using NoodleBib – MLA advanced. Your proposed bibliography must be entered by **Thursday, May 1** using Noodlebib shared on line with Mrs. Camp and Mr. Krygsman for review by Mrs. Camp for credibility and proper format. Your final draft bibliography must be on a separate page.
- Do not use footnotes for quotations. However, you must give credit for material directly quoted or referred to using in-text or parenthetical citations. You must be careful to guard against plagiarism. Taking paragraphs from another source and changing a few words is still plagiarism if you do not credit the source. **Do not make your entire paper a compilation of quotes**, however. Be sure to summarize the information in language that you understand.
- You will be required to submit a “rough draft”. It should show that you are making good progress, and show the main points that will be contained in your final report. It does not need to be full and complete text! It will be due on **Thursday, May 8**.
- Your grade on this project will make up 15% of your final grade for this quarter.
- **The due date for this project is Thursday, May 22. Late deductions of 10% per school day will be taken for any project turned in late. No projects will be accepted after Wednesday, May 28.**
- This project will also be used in your English class during fourth quarter. You must turn a second copy of your project which will be forwarded to Mr. Stegink, and you should save it on you home computer or on a disk so that you can find it back when you need to use it in the spring.

Library Work Days:

Monday, April 14

Wednesday, April 16

Tuesday, April 22

Thursday, April 24