

Social Issues Research Paper

Follow these formatting requirements: 12 point, Times New Roman or Verdana, double-spaced, a header at right align with your name, #, assignment title, and date of completion. Your final paper will be evaluated using the Social Issues Paper Rubric.

1. Research and Compile Credible Resources – Due _____ 15 pts.

Use a variety of Internet sources using websites, online journals, magazines, and periodicals; utilize the KanEd databases for current information: SIRS Discoverer and ProQuest. Print your information and organize it in a folder or notebook. Highlight with a marker the bibliography information (author(s), date, URL, publisher, etc.)

2. Evaluate Sources – Due _____ 15 pts.

Choose three of your sources and evaluate the credibility of the source using the Webpage Evaluation Tool provided. You should be able to explain and defend, using the 5 Ws /How, why the source is a credible one to use for your research.

3. Construct a Works Cited of Sources Used - Due _____ 15 pts.

Create a Works Cited of at least six sources using www.easybib.com. At least six and no more than ten sources are required for the paper.

4. Recognize Fact and Opinion – Due _____ 10 pts.

Choose one of your sources and highlight three facts and three opinions in the text using two different colored highlighters. Make a key at the top of your page to note which color is fact and which color is opinion.

5. Paraphrase – Don't Plagiarize!

- **Brainpop Video** - Watch the BrainPop Video “Paraphrasing” and complete the Paraphrasing Quiz, **Due _____ 10 pts.**
- **Guided Paraphrasing Practice** - Participate in guided exercises and discussion of paraphrasing techniques learned in the video
- **Independent Paraphrasing – Can You Apply It?** Choose one of your credible sources, highlight a section of information you want to use in your paper, and then paraphrase that information. Your paraphrased information should be typed and turned in attached to a copy of the original highlighted information. See Paraphrasing Evaluation Rubric for expectations.

Due _____ 20 pts.

6. Define Your Social Issue – Due _____ 20 pts.

- Participate in class guided practice on writing a paragraph defining poverty in America using the GIST Template.
- Write a paragraph defining your social issue in a way that a person who is totally unaware of the issue would understand the basic concept and any important vocabulary. Use the provided GIST Template to organize and outline your ideas.
 - The paragraph is to be typed using double spacing.
 - In-text citation(s) of the source is required in the paragraph. See citation guidelines handout.
 - Turn in *both* the typed definition and the GIST Template you used to organize your paragraph.

7. Outline Your Paper – Due _____ 25 pts.

Using the provided outline, organize the content of your paper.

8. Write Your First Draft – Due _____ 10 pts.

Your completed first draft will be read by both your teacher and a peer-editor; you are encouraged to ask another adult or older sibling to read your draft for constructive criticism. Points for this assignment will be earned by completing the draft on time and in the correct format (double-spaced, 12 pt., Times New Roman or Verdana, page numbers at bottom, and a header at right align with your name, #, assignment title, and date of completion.). Feedback on those areas to be assessed according to the Social Issues Paper Rubric will be provided for your benefit.

9. Finalize the Paper – Due _____ 50 pts. /Test Grade

Edit your paper as many times as needed to meet the standards of the Social Issues Paper Rubric. The final paper should be handed in with a cover page and the works cited page on the back.