

Final Research Paper
CSK77 Section XX FALL 2016
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Final Paper

1. **A current social issue impacting our daily lives.** For example, in the article *The Flight from Conversation* (NY Times), you read about how we are forgetting how to communicate with one another due to our technological addictions. As technology seems to be a part of every course, how do you feel about SPECIFIC advances you see being made? (You can focus on something recent like the Apple watch or something from history even—but make it original!) You could also choose to explore a social issue like video game addiction or introversion (If you like Psychology these are good examples to start with.) From there you will explore how this issue can be improved or what you think we should be doing to address it. (Hint: Sources might include news, video, interviews, podcasts)
2. **The value of having your own individual voice.** For example, you can explore the results of your own situations where you stood up for something you believed in and contrast with role models you admire and people in society or the media who you do not admire. Hint: Whitehead's article tells us a lot about being an individual while writing. How can we apply this to the rest of our lives? What is the value of being truly original? Provide support by using examples from articles you've read, sites you visit, and things about people in our society that make them stand out. How will you stand out? (Sources can be any type of media that you find and should be from varying backgrounds with several examples of successful individuality)

You will use an array of sources to support **your own original argument** on the topic. Your topic must be approved by the instructor!

Step One: Developing a research topic

Start by making a list of questions. You should be able to answer each question with an argument (an opinion that you support with evidence). Your questions should not be yes/no questions, or questions that may be answered with just one word.

Some examples (for a made up topic):

- How does this invention impact individuals? Societies? The world?
- What are potential benefits from using the invention?
- What was life like before it was invented?
- How has it changed the way people do _____
- How will it continue to evolve?
- Will it ever become obsolete? Or, has it already become obsolete and replaced by something else?

Step Two: Research

Once you have selected one specific question, you will conduct research which informs and shapes your argument to this question. You must select, read, analyze, and cite from at least three different sources within your essay.

Select three from the following four types of sources:

- a. **Academic article on the issue that you are dealing with.** The article should be relevant, interesting, and useful. It should help you better understand the issues you are dealing with. Don't just print the first one that you see. Also, if they don't have footnotes or endnotes, or

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do not show that they've been Peer Reviewed at the end, they aren't academic. (Use the library's databases and you should be fine).

- You might try searching the databases by subject, and see what you can find in the technology database, the sociology database, the psychology database, or even the history database.

b. Article from the lay press about the topic (this means any non-scholarly print source such as *Time Magazine* or the *New York Times*). Notice there is a Newsstand database.

- For example, you're writing about your experience in the military and the Iraq war where you used some stealth technology. You might find an article in *Time Magazine* about political views on the use of technology or a soldier's experience.

c. Literary piece dealing with the issue. This may be a text or film (including a documentary.)

- For example, you write about the evolution of Facebook and how it has affected societies around the world, you can use the movie *The Social Network*.

Note: we may want to include the annotated

Step Three: Essay Outline Week 10 Due in class for our conference on Thursday July 6th

You will write an outline which consists of the thesis statement (your argument) and three topic sentences (the first sentence of each body paragraph). Your outline will serve as a map to guide you as you write the first draft of your essay. You may find that you wish to modify your thesis statement and topic sentences as you progress through the writing process. This is perfectly fine. Your outline is a work in progress and should not be considered as a final version.

~~July 6th~~ July 6th

Step Four: Draft One of Essay (send to Write Aid through Blackboard Form to CAS) Week 11-13

You will write a 5 paragraph essay that begins with an introduction (containing a thesis statement, also known as your argument); contains at least three body paragraphs; and finishes with a conclusion. Your essay will analyze and cite from the three sources you have selected. These sources will support your argument. **Your essay must be in APA format with a properly formatted Reference page**

Step Five: Tutoring and Revisions

Submitting drafts are an important part of the writing and research process. The feedback you receive from CAS tutors in person or Write Aid online will be a major part of revisions that you need to make in the final draft

Step Six: Final Essay

Due Week 14

To receive credit for the final essay and therefore for CSK 77, you must submit your final essay by the beginning of class on **Thursday July 27, 2017**

Submit Final Draft on Blackboard by the due Thursday July 27, 2017. NO EXCEPTIONS!

Work Plan – This is a sketch of the intended outline of the paper. It may change as you write!

Paragraph #1 – Introduction

- Interesting, catchy lead-in
- Three support points

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c. Thesis statement

Paragraph #2 – Talk about Point #1

- a. Topic sentence
- b. Supporting details
- c. Transition to next paragraph

Paragraph #3 – Talk about Point #2

- a. Topic sentence
- b. Supporting details
- c. Transition to next paragraph

Paragraph #4 – Talk about Point #1 Topic sentence

- a. Supporting details
- b. Transition to next paragraph

Paragraph #5 – Conclusion

Last Page: Works Cited, see sample below.

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