

RESEARCH PROJECTS FOR BIOL ONLINE

Find a work partner to do your research paper with in discussion board.

Projects are taken on the basis of first come first served. Basically, you go through the list of all the projects, then decide (with your partner besides you or on the phone) which project you would like to work on. Once decided, go to the discussion board and post one line only: your project title and both partners' names in CAPITAL LETTERS. **Again: Choose one of the projects on page 2, 3, 4, & 5 while on the phone with partner. Once you pick your project, go to discussion board & post it as taken:**

(ex: CYSTIC FIBROSIS IS TAKEN BY ZINEBI & THOMAS).

Do not write anything else. This way, it is easy for everyone to check the whole page of discussion board and see what projects are taken before they write their project as taken.

The project then becomes yours and is no longer available to anyone in the classroom. BUT, AGAIN!! BEFORE YOU POST your project, check to see if no one has already taken it. Then after you post it, check and see if any one's posting came through while you were typing your post.

The written project organization is simple:

1 – 1.5 pages MAXIMUM for each student (3 pages total MAX for both students) (not including 1 cover page, 1 outline page, & 1 page for biblio). Both student put their text body together as one, then use one cover page, one outline, and one biblio (works cited) page for both. Remember, both your parts must be put together as one paper with both names on the cover page.

1. 1-1.5 pages max per student (more than this won't be graded)

2. Font number = 12,

3. Font type = Arial,

4. Spacing = 1.5.

5. Margins: 1" from top – 1" from bottom – 0.5" from left – 0.5" from right

6. Format: MLA (especially with the bibliography citation intext & in works cited). **We cannot follow double spacing of MLA when we are writing 1 page paper!!!!**

7. Must have 10-12 sources total minimum in your paper (5-6 per student) & they must be peer-reviewed journals (see canvas). This means that each student must have at least 6 sources cited in their text and in their works cited. You will of course mix the sources in works cited and organize them alphabetically by authors as MLA format requires.

How do you work with a partner?

See below

This is how the 2 partners work together on one Research paper:

1. Each partner goes and does his/her online research on the project alone as if you did not have a partner. Accumulate all relevant data about your entire project as if you are alone. Then, write an outline for your project (list of concepts you want to talk about in an organized form). Your partner must be doing the same thing and making his/her own outline. Set a deadline as to when you will both be done making your individual outline.
2. On the day of the deadline, email each other your outlines and you will see that you do not have the same ideas on both outlines. Some are the same and some are not. This is what is good about working on separate outlines. Now you will be **MERGING THE 2 OUTLINES INTO 1 OUTLINE**. Take the best ideas from each outline and make a complete and much better outline. This new and merged outline becomes the guideline for both of you.
3. Split the new outline into 2 halves (top and bottom) and decide who is going to write about what part. Literally, draw a line in the middle so each student knows exactly what she/he is going to write about and email this split outline to both partners. Do the split while on the phone to make sure you get it done quick. Before you each start writing your parts, set a date for when you will be ready to email each other your halves and read and critic each other's part to make sure it is done correctly (see rubric in canvas).
4. You must only use peer-reviewed journals in your paper. I have a long file that explains what a peer-reviewed journal is and how to get them, step by step, from our library database (file in canvas in research paper section). I even have a sample small research paper uploaded to show you how to cite your sources both in the text and in the works cited page.
5. So follow the rubric (in canvas) when writing your project. I do not grade or judge your personal opinions, you are free to have any opinion you want. Whether I agree with you or not has nothing to do with grading your project. I grade how you explain your thought process, how many articles you use to support your writing, how convincing you are with your statements, & whether your story is continuous as a chain reaction that's easy to follow or not. I also grade the quality of your sources and how you cite them in your paper (MLA format). Your project should be written so that anyone can read it entirely without being lost or asking a lot of questions. You shouldn't jump from one idea to another in the same paragraph. Make sure your explanations are connected from one line to the other. If you start a different idea, change line and start a new paragraph. Bibliography page should contain at least 12 peer-reviewed journals (6 per student) used to support your writing for your paper (only books and peer-reviewed journals are accepted).
6. If any student makes their partner wait and wait for many missed deadlines on your paper, I need to know that. The student who is missing their deadlines which they themselves set and agreed on with their partner, may lose points.

EMAIL ANYTHING ABOUT YOUR WRITTEN PROJECT TO YOURSELF, THIS WAY, YOU WILL NEVER LOSE ANY INFORMATION.

Go to next pages & choose 1 project while with your partner on the phone