Research Paper Schedule

Step 1—Choose 3 topics (due next Thursday)

Step 2—Organize your topic into 3 subtopics

Step 3—Write a minimum of 30 info cards and 4 source cards

Step 4—Write a bibliography [4 sources {1 hard copy}]

Step 5—Write a formal outline

Step 6—Write an introduction

Step 7—Write a rough draft (1,000 words min.)

Step 8—Create a website on your topic

Step 9—Give a 3-6 minute presentation

Step 10—Write a final copy and title page

What You’ll Need

--50 index cards (due Feb 9th)

--It may help to have a flash drive

Topics?

--Disease/Condition

--Specific Historical Event

--Weird Phenomenon

--Natural Disaster

--Current Event

--Controversial Issue

--Fad

--an Organization

--Structure/Building

--Drug

--Odd Culture

Keep It Narrow!!!

Non-Topics!

--a person

--an animal

--a rock band

--a sports team

***Final Copy Rubric***

Focus 25 Points

* Effective hook & preview present in introduction (\_\_\_/10 points)
* The draft stays on topic, not diverging far from the previewed subtopics (\_\_\_/5 points)
* Conclusion includes an effective review and closing thought (\_\_\_/10 points)

Organization 30 Points

* Information is arranged logically. (\_\_\_/10 points)
* Proper use of paragraphing. (\_\_\_/6 points)
* Topic sentences & transitions help paper move smoothly from point to point. (\_\_\_/8 points)
* Paper is more narrative than a listing of facts. (\_\_\_/6 points)

Elaboration 45 Points

* The writer includes detailed information from their research. (\_\_\_/25 points)
* The paper is centered around the research more than the writer’s own opinion. Information used is accurate. (\_\_\_/5 points)
* Information is correctly cited at least once per paragraph. Quotations are properly cited and punctuated. (\_\_\_/15 points)

Style 3o Points

* There is an average of less than three grammar, spelling, or punctuation errors per page.

(\_\_\_/ 10 points)

* Sentences are varied in structure and free of awkward phrasing. Sophisticated word choice is evident (\_\_\_/10 points)
* Correct formatting: double-spaced, 12pt. font, name/class/date at top left, interesting title. (\_\_\_/10 points)

Bibliography (20 Points)

* Bibliography includes at least four sources (1 hard copy) and is properly formatted. All sources mentioned in the paper are listed in the bibliography.

Other Deductions

* Plagiarism is present. (up to a 150 pt. deduction)
* Paper is less than 1,000 words in length. (-1.5 points for every 10 words under minimum length)

\_\_\_\_/150 Points Total