

I-Search Checklist

Name _____

Consider each point and check-off what you consider "done" Turn this in with your final I-Search on Monday, March 27.

I have fixed the easy stuff:

- I've checked all spelling.
- I've checked & fixed every there, their & they're
- I haven't confused "your " with "you're"
- All my sentences begin with capital letters.
- All new paragraphs are indented.
- All proper names are capitalized.
- All "I"s are capitalized.
- All apostrophes are in the right place.
- My word count is greater than 2000+ words.

I have fixed the more in-depth stuff:

- I have read the entire paper out loud listening for problems.
(you can mumble it quietly)
- My paper has a funnel opening that engages the reader and sets the context for my topic.
- My paper has a "reader friendly style" that is engaging and not merely a list of information.
- My paper is broken up into paragraph ideas, not monster blocks of text that go on and on.
- I have integrated my sources by topic for a logical flow of information, not dumped them all in one spot.
- The paper has logical flow from section to section.
- The paper has good transitions that "hook" paragraphs together.
- I have clear evidence of my interview, both in the paper and in Works Cited, including good quotes.
- I have formatted all my quotes into "sandwiches" so that they are integrated well with my own ideas.
- Any long (more than 4 lines) quote is an indented "block quote".
- There is at least one place that shows a difference in opinion on a topic.
- The paper has a strong conclusion that broadens back out to my main idea.

I have formatted my final draft:

Title Page

- My title page has a centered title that is meaningful and non-generic
(e.g., "Depression" is not a good title; try the "colon" method- "Depressiion: The Hidden Drain)
- All the Major Words are Capitalized
- My title page has names: yours, course's, mine
- My title page has the due date.

Body of I-Search

- The entire paper is double-spaced, including Works Cited.
- I use a 12 pt. serif font throughout (Times, Garamond).
- All pages are numbered (except title page).

I have checked my Sources:

Works Cited Page

- I have a Works Cited page.
- My Works Cited page is in alphabetical order.
- My Works Cited Page begins on its own page- not at the bottom or in the middle of another page
- All entries have a hanging indent.
- No piece of any entry is in all capital letters or has uncapped titles.
- All the documents in my Works Cited are actually cited in my paper.
- I remembered to cite my interview in my Works Cited.

Body of I-Search

- every place where I clearly took information from notes has a citation
- each citation is linked to an entry on the Works Cited Page
- all citations are written correctly
- the words I put in parenthesis all "line up with" the works as seen on my Works Cited page
- I used quotation marks in citations when citing an article name
- I didn't put too much information in the citation (for instance, author's first name)
- All my quotes are well integrated with "quote sandwich" format- none are dropped in without purpose.

I have examined the grading rubric:

- I know each category that is going to be assessed.
- I have performed reasonably well in each category.
- I have improved the categories that seem lacking.

Choose one of the Following to describe your I-Search:

- I'm not gonna lie, this paper rocks. I rule.
- I feel that this paper represents pretty much the best work that I could do in the past 8 weeks. It is good.
- Even though it could have been better, it's probably good enough to pass.
- Whatever. It's done.
- I'm doomed.

I have completed this checklist and this final draft is the best that it can be right now:

(signature)