

Topic: College

- A. Is college worth it? (costs, financial aid, free college, salary of recent grads, etc.)
- B. What factors should be considered in the college admissions process? (general admissions process, ACT vs. SAT vs. test optional schools, portfolios, interviews, etc.)
- C. Athletics and college (differences among D1, D2, D3 schools, athletic scholarships, pros/cons of being an athlete, etc.)
- D. College majors (4, 5, 6 yr. majors, liberal arts vs ?, most popular, internships and job placements, etc.)

Your research paper will give an **overview of your topic using up-to-date, credible sources**. You must also include a **more in-depth look at your topic in terms of two individual colleges/universities**.

Requirements:

8 Preliminary Bibliography Cards (or similar tracking system for sources)

Preliminary Outline and Thesis

30 Note Cards (or similar tracking system for notes)

6-8 Page Paper (MLA formatting with WCP with 5 sources, one of which must be a chart/graph and the other must be a quote from a college representative or college student.)

In class work days: 5/2, 5/3, 5/4, 5/5, 5/6, 5/16, 5/17 (7 classes). **There will be no homework in class during the week of 5/9 and the week of 5/16 so that you can focus on writing your research paper.**

Final Due Date: 5/20 NO LATE PAPERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Assessment: Your paper will receive 3 grades: Preparation (100 pts.), Content (100 pts.), Mechanics (100 pts.) The unit is worth 20% of your 4th quarter grade

Due Dates (B = BEGINNING OF CLASS / E = END OF CLASS)

5/2	Topic and Supplies (or similar tracking system) Due (B)	10 points	_____
5/4	Preliminary Outline and Thesis Due (B)	10 points	_____
5/4	8 Bibliography Cards Due (B)	15 points	_____
5/5	10 Note Cards Due (E)	15 points	_____
5/6	10 Additional Note Cards Due (E)	15 points	_____
5/9	10 Additional Note Cards Due (B)	15 points	_____
5/13	Use of class time (1 pt. per day)	5 points	_____
5/16	Research Paper Rough Draft Due (B) (75% complete)	15 points	_____

PREPARATION GRADE: _____/100

VERY IMPORTANT:

1. Late preparation work will not be accepted unless a student is absent from class.
2. Research papers will be submitted in two formats: hard copy and Turnitin.
3. A paper is considered PLAGIARIZED if it does not have quotation marks around passages taken word for word from the source, citations for all quoted and paraphrased passages, and a Works Cited Page.
4. No paper will be accepted after the due date. If a student is not in school on 5/20, her paper must be delivered by hard copy before 8:40 (Period B) or 2:30 (Period H).

NOTES: