

Brave New World **Research Paper**

The research paper, or term paper, is a formal essay that presents specific information drawn from several sources. Your research paper will be a collection of information gathered from a variety of sources. *Huxley wrote Brave New World* in the 1930s, a time when many were dissatisfied with existing governments. Dystopias are often written as a type of warning as to what could happen if current trends continue. Now that we have entered into the new millennium, some of Huxley's fantasies are possibilities. Are we headed in the direction of a World State?

Select one of the topics below to research. Focus on both the negative and positive effects your topic has on the world. Compare and contrast the topic you chose to *Brave New World*. Discuss whether or not you believe we are headed in the direction of the World State, and the positive and negative consequences. Finally, explain what solutions you believe may be possible for your particular topic as we start the new century.

TOPICS:

1. Euthanasia, Dr. Kavorkian, and the Right to Die
2. Plastic surgery, hair transplants, breasts implants: Beauty Forever
3. Modern Methods of Transportation: Electric Cars, Hybrids, Bullet Trains, Subways, Metrolink, etc.
4. Marriage Trends (Included divorce, who is and is not getting married, why?)
5. Families Today (Include traditional and non traditional families, child rearing, extended families, etc.)
6. Censorship: Literature, Media, Music
7. Unemployment: Welfare, Job fare—How do we ensure work for all?
8. Socialism
9. Consumption of Goods vs. Recycling: What is best for society vs. What is best for the environment
10. Legalization of Marijuana
11. Prozac
12. Drug Abuse—Particularly Cocaine
13. Alcohol Use
14. The United Nations vs. The World State
15. Multiple Births and Fertility Drugs
16. Genetic Engineering
17. Native Americans: Religion as practiced today by the Zuni
18. Surrogate Mothers vs. Adopted Mothers: Whose child is it?
19. Hypnosis
20. Christianity Today
21. Pavlov and his Theories
22. Ford and psychological effects of the Assembly Line
23. Freud and Families
24. Advancements in Film Technology since the 30s
25. Population Growth and Its Consequences
26. Poverty and Its Causes
27. Birth Defects
28. Birth Control
29. Stem Cell Research
30. Alternative Fuel Sources
31. Death Rights: Cremation vs. Burial vs.?
32. DNA: Used to solve crimes

33. Communism
34. Cloning
35. Vitamins: Do they really make you healthier?
36. Aging: How long are you expected to live in the future?

This research paper, or term paper project, will be divided up into several mini assignments in order to ensure maximum success. All assignments must be completed to receive credit. **This research paper is required for ERWC.**

Although each step of this process will be covered and explained in the classroom, this project is to be completed primarily outside of the classroom, and thus requires the student to take on the personal responsibility needed to complete this task.

The attached packet will be the student's on going survival guide complete with due dates and assignment requirements. In order to strengthen the organizational skills needed to complete this process, the following will be required to ensure added success through organization:

- Index cards
- Handout: The Research Paper
- All additional handouts

Requirements:

- Six sources: one Web site, three journals/articles, and two books (**no encyclopedias, no wikipedia**)
- At least 7 pages typed and doubled spaced. This includes the title page, the formal outline, and works cited page. Therefore you must have at least 4 typed written pages.
- At least **10** quotations. You must have at least one quote from every source you use
- A work cited page that lists at least **six** sources in alphabetical order and is doubled space.
- At least **10** 3x5 note cards completely filled using normal size handwriting.
- A typed annotated bibliography.

Due Dates:

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| • Select a topic (25) | 4/23/14 |
| • Find sources (25) | 4/30/14 |
| • Works Cited note cards (25) | 5/05/14 |
| • Annotated Bibliography (50) | 5/12/14 |
| • Thesis Statement/Introduction (50) | 5/16/14 |
| • Note Cards (25) | 5/21/14 |
| • Outline/Works Cited (50) | 5/30/14 |
| • Final Draft (200) | 6/04/14 |

*****Note: If anything is one day to one week late, you can get ½ credit for it. No credit for anything over one week late. If you do not do the paper by 6/06/14, you may not pass the class.**

*****Reminder: Teacher can be available most days after school until 4:00 pm. Making an appointment will ensure teacher's 100% attention.**

Commitment Contract for ERWC Research Paper

- I understand this is an important project and is a requirement for a successful completion of this class.
- I understand that all assignments must be completed to receive credit.
- I understand the personal commitment required to complete this project.
- I understand the deadlines I must meet.
- I have read all the material covered in this packet.
- I understand the significance of doing my own research and understand that plagiarism will result in no credit on this assignment and/or a grade of "Fail" in this class.
- I understand the 7-page requirement.
- I understand that my thesis statement/ introduction, outline, work cited, and final draft must be typed and doubled spaced.
- I am aware of the teacher being available for extra help by appointment.

Student Name

Period

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date