

A Parent's Guide to Surviving Core B Research Essay Season

Welcome to research essay season! In order to facilitate success and keep your students from becoming overwhelmed, we have divided the project into steps. With your support, your student will not only survive this season, but thrive! The schedule of assignments is listed below, along with suggestions about how you can best help your student. Bolded descriptions are particularly challenging or crucial, and your help will most certainly be needed during these weeks. (Please refer to the pacing guides for specific assignments and due dates.)

Week	Assignment	How you can help your student
22	Choose a topic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Look over topic instructions; help student choose an arguable topic. Take a trip to the library and begin securing sources
23	1 st set of note cards (min. 20) & bib cards (min. 2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Help student begin research process. Check your student's note cards for content and form <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Content= strong quotes, variety of evidence Form= follows proper note card format
24	Works Cited rough draft Working Thesis Statement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WC: Proofread for content and form based on MLA Practice Sheet & Sample WC Discuss topic and help student structure an arguable thesis (Topic to Working Thesis doc) Secure all sources by the end of this week
<h3>Spring Break!!</h3>		
25	Complete set of note cards (min. 40) & bib cards (min. 4)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student should finish research this week. Help your student sort note cards into 6-8 topics, help arrange those topics into a logical order
26	Finalized Thesis Statement Revised Works Cited Topic Sentence Outline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss improvements to your student's thesis statement. Look over topic sentence outline, offer suggestions (each sentence should be well-written and directly relate to thesis)
27	No Research Essay Assignments due	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Help keep your student motivated to move from topic sentence corrections to full outline Use tutor feedback on topic sentences to adjust organization and/or address holes in research
28	Body Paragraph Outline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Look over student's outline & make suggestions for improvement
29	1 st five body paragraphs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proofread - draft should be free of editing errors
30	Intro & conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proofread - draft should be free of editing errors.
31	No research essay assignments due this week.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proofread the complete essay using the parent checklist. Offer suggestions for improvement. Checklist must be signed and included with final submission.
32	FINAL DRAFT DUE!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Verify that your student has submitted the essay to Turnitin Check essay folder- are all necessary components included and in order?