

Research Paper

TOPIC

For this paper you will select an example of your genre. The example that you select needs to be originally created in your genre before it was adapted into anything else. So, if you are in the movie group, you cannot select any of the Harry Potter movies because they were originally books first. The purpose of this project is to conduct research an aspect of your chosen example of your genre and to construct an argument that you feel your example displays. This paper is not your giving a summary of your example or summary of the sources you find. Your will have an argumentative thesis that your support through research and from aspects of your genre's example. Example of a potential argument:

If I was in the book group and chose Lord of the Rings and the Two Towers, my argument may be looking at how the book displays the tension between industrialization and the environment.

An alternative type of argument you can make for this paper would be to focus on how the example of your genre is unique or different or revolutionary for the genre. So if I was in the video game group, I might make the argument that a particular game did certain things differently than other games that moved video games forward as a genre.

The scope in which you choose to focus on is wide open, and you shouldn't feel restricted as to what you can choose to focus on. It can be as focus as you want it to be, or broad to a certain extent to encompass what you want to research. See the "Idea Suggestions" box for some ways you can choose to approach this paper.

The two important questions that you need to answer regardless of your argument is:

1. Why is your argument valid? (Essentially, why should we believe your argument?)
2. Why is your argument important? (Essentially, what is the relevance of your argument and what makes it an important topic of discussion?)

There will be some requirements for the paper. In order to complete this research paper, it will be broken up into steps.

REQUIREMENTS

Include:

1. the creation date of your superhero
 2. a very brief history of your superhero
- No two people per superhero group should be focusing on the same aspect/concept/topic
 - MLA Format (size 12 font, 1in margins, doublespace... etc.)
 - it of body text

IDEA SUGGESTIONS

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| -Feminism | -Controversies |
| -Cultural impact | -Reception throughout history |
| -Masculinity | -The outfits of superheroes |
| -Influence on superhero movie genre | |
| -Race or gender or sexuality of the superhero | |

STEPS

01 Preliminary Research

You will conduct preliminary research on the example of your genre (i.e. read the book, watch game-play videos, watch the movie, etc.) to help you start brainstorming ideas. Class time will be delegated for you to meet with your group to help this brainstorming process.

03 Research Proposal (500 Words) = 30pts.

Once you have figured out what you would like to focus on, you will write a proposal explaining exactly what you want to focus on and how you will go about structuring your paper. At the end of this proposal you will provide what your thesis will be (although this might change as you conduct more in-depth research). A research thesis should be clear and concise, stating exactly the research angle you are taking in this paper. I will provide feedback and return it.

03 Annotated Bibliography (1000 Words) = 80pts.

After having your proposal approved, you will start researching the aspect you chose to focus on. You will need at least 10 sources on your annotated bibliography. 7 of these sources should be Peer Reviewed. You will annotate 5 of your 10 sources which should be at least 200 polished words. You don't have to use all 10 sources in your paper however. Look at the "Sources" box to see examples what type of sources you can have for this paper. If you are having difficulty finding sources, please contact me. Note: Every source does not have to be a source speaking about how your superhero relates to your chosen topic. If you're focusing on feminism of Wonder Woman, you can find a source discussing feminism of the 60s if that is a type period you are tracking Wonder Woman's effect on.

04 First Draft (~1000 words) = 20pts.

We will be workshopping your first draft of your paper in class. PRINT 2 COPIES.

05 Second Draft = 20pts.

Your second draft is due when you meet with me for conferences. You will bring your 2nd draft to your conference with me and have a pre-selected section(s) of your paper you want me to look at.

06 Final Draft (2000 Words) = 150pts.

You will turn in your final draft which should be 2000 polished words.

07 Revisions (OPTIONAL)

You will have the option to revise your graded final draft, see syllabus for more detail.

NOTE-

With each step, do not forget to post your drafts to your wix site or to save it as a separate document until you're ready to post to your site. You will post your annotated bib on your wix site once you make edits when you receive it back from me.

SOURCES

- Journal Articles
 - Newspapers
 - Magazines
- Creditable Websites
 - Books
- Documentaries/Interviews
- Reviews (movie reviews and/or comic book reviews)
 - Comic books
 - Movies
 - Etc.

If you find a source that you are not sure you can use, feel free to ask me. And if you find a source that doesn't fit a typical source for a research paper, but you feel that it is something that will make your paper stronger, you can talk to me about it and I will let you know.

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