

Additional Requirements and Recommendations for the Research Paper Assignment for Lisa Hager's ENG 1001 Class

bring with you for all peer review sessions, whether inside or outside of class

As always be as specific as possible!

Make sure you follow the directions in the course packet for this assignment (pgs. 32-35)

Introduction Section

length = 2-4 pages

- Your thesis should summarize your knowledge on the subject.
- The introduction should provide a context for your reader to understand the rest of your paper.
- Persuades your reader that your topic is worth researching and reading further about.
- This is the section where you quote from your three sources, both in order to establish context and differentiate what you are doing versus what other researchers have already don.
- Follow the three moves mentioned on page 32 of your course packet:
 - The first paragraph(s) of your introduction should tell me why I should be interested in your paper and end with you thesis statement.
 - The middle paragraph(s) establishes the context for your paper by examining the work of other scholars (and possibly popular culture sources) in the field.
 - The last paragraph(s) discusses how your work is different from and/or similar to the work of the aforementioned sources. This paragraph ends with a statement of your research question with the addition of the “how” part.

Here's an example: “My survey of dog owners explores how everyone likes Brittanys by examining the relationship between Brittany Spears and Brittany Spaniels.”

Discussion Section

length = 2-4 pages

- This is the section where you actually interpret your data (i.e. make an argument about what exactly your data demonstrates).
- You should reference your results in this section. Your results are the evidence that supports your arguments.