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# RESEARCH REFERENCE CARDS

## The Research Paper

*Writing a research paper is an important learning experience. As you select and narrow your topic, choose your sources, separate fact from opinion, eliminate unnecessary information, and organize your materials, you will refine your thinking and analysis skills. Completing a research paper will also give you practice in clear written expression as you revise and refine it during the drafting process.*

*A research paper is a written presentation of facts and ideas about a specific topic. You will accumulate information, select what is important, and eliminate what is not important, in order to organize for a single purpose. You will then blend gathered information from these sources with your own ideas and interpretations to support or defend the controlling idea of the paper (thesis).*

*Your job is to develop a thesis, present your support in a logical order, express yourself clearly, give proper credit to each source as it is presented, and add your own original ideas and insights.*

## Research Reminders

### Final Draft Formatting Reminders:

- ✓ Format your Title Page/Heading
- ✓ Number your Pages
- ✓ Double Space your Text
- ✓ Format your Works Cited Page

### Final Draft Content Checklist:

- ✓ Introduction with Thesis Statement
- ✓ Supporting Paragraphs with In-Text Citations
- ✓ Conclusion Appropriate to Style/Content of Paper
- ✓ Works Cited Page

### Avoiding Plagiarism:

Plagiarism means using someone else's opinions, ideas, or language without giving him or her credit. Plagiarism is dishonest and must be avoided. If you have any doubts about whether or not you are plagiarizing, cite your source(s). Use in-text citations to do this. This must be done not only for a direct quotation, but also for a paraphrased idea or opinion. Because you do not want to plagiarize, you must take care to start the research process by keeping careful track of sources and direct quotations as you take notes. Papers that are copied directly from another source will receive a failing grade and will need to be re-written. Less extreme cases of plagiarism will be dealt with accordingly and will result in a failing grade or reduced credit for the paper.

## Research Links

### Useful Research Sites:

- CB Writing Research Papers Handbook  
<http://www.cbsd.org/curriculum/standards/research/cover.html>
- Central Bucks Library Page  
<http://www.cbsd.org/library/>
- Purdue University's Online Writing Lab  
<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/>

### Works Cited Formatting Tools:

- Noodle Tools  
<http://www.noodletools.com/login.php>
- Knight Cite  
<http://www.calvin.edu/library/knightcite/>
- Easy Bib  
<http://www.easybib.com/>