Elementary American Sign Language (SL 22)
Guideline for Research Paper

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- You must use at least one article from the Gallaudet Encyclopedia (GE) or American Annals for the Deaf (AAD) as a starting place to find a topic. Then do more research from other sources and more current information once the topic is approved.
- You must have authorization from the instructor for your specific topic prior to beginning your research paper. You must follow the topic that was approved by the instructor (Put it at the end of your paper.)
- Your research paper must be typed, and follow MLA format. The Writing Lab has all of the MLA format guidelines and specifications. APA style will also be accepted if you have the instructor’s authorization at the time of your topic approval.
- You may submit your MLA outline for the teacher to review, but the teacher will not proof/review your complete written paper. You may make an appointment with the Writing Lab to do this.
- Your research paper must be turned in on time, by the due date given in the syllabus. See syllabus for more information on late papers.
- Your research paper must contain at least one major perspective from the Deaf community.
- Your paper must reflect depth to your research. i.e. how much information on the topic you were able to gather and report upon. Cursory reviews or broad generalization of articles will not suffice.
- Your research paper musts have a Minimum of three (3) references, with at least one reference from Gallaudet Encyclopedia (GE) OR American Annals of the Deaf (AAD).
- Full, complete copies of all articles used in your research must be included with your paper. If books are used, you need copies of the book’s title & copyright pages, as well as, copies of the pages/sections that are pertinent (especially quotes) to your paper’s references must be included.
- Abstracts vs. Articles – abstracts are NOT accepted as sources, you must have the full articles
- Avoid plagiarism, cite your sources. If a source is a major reference for your paper, cite it consistently and continually throughout your paper. If you would like more information on plagiarism and how to avoid it you may ask your instructor or visit [http://www.indiana.edu/~wts/wts/plagiarism.html](http://www.indiana.edu/~wts/wts/plagiarism.html).
- Your research paper must have a Works Cited/Bibliography page.
- You must keep any drafts (to avoid plagiarism issues) to prove you did the work, if needed. (These do not need to be turned in, they are for your safety only.)
- You must assume that the audience reading your paper does not know ASL or Deaf Culture.
- Your analysis must come to a conclusion that needs to be a synthesis of your research. Your opinions on the approved topic should be reflected here. Your paper should be written in the third person, with the exception of your conclusion, which can be in the first person.
- You must have an appendix for all of your article & book copies. It needs to be clearly labeled with tabs (can be as simple as post-it’s) and the pages in numerical order.
- Your paper’s introduction, body and conclusion MUST be a MINIMUM of five (5) pages.
- No individual pages in plastic page protectors. Papers need to be stapled or otherwise permanently kept together (most often a paperclip is not going to work) – the instructor will NOT have a stapler on the due date and will not accept loose papers. Preferable no binders. Folders are fine.