

Final Research Paper

Overview and Procedure

For this assignment, you will write a **well-researched 6-10 page paper** (not including the cover page or references) that presents an **argument** connected to our theme of stereotyping & problems caused by stereotypes. As this is a research paper, you will use a variety of trustworthy sources to support your argument, and you must present an argument that is based in reason, logic and facts.

Your argument cannot **be morally charged** (it should not be based on beliefs or faith, or preferences). All final research papers must present an argument that is **the student's unique point of view**, supported by sources.

Your argument must have a clear thesis statement and must provide support using **at least 5 sources** (these must be reliable, credible sources). These sources must be paraphrased, summarized and quoted in your paper with appropriate citations (all three of these should be present in your paper).

Your paper's structure must follow a **problem solution argumentative sequence**, meaning it includes arguments to support your position (problem and solution), counterarguments from opposing sides, and responses to the opposition. If you are missing key elements of argumentation, your paper cannot be considered an problem solution argument.

Please reference our text, *Writing a Great Research Paper* for writing tips:

Thesis Statement—Chapter 3 Outlining—Chapter 5 Introduction—Chapter 8
Body—Chapter 9 Conclusion—Chapter 10

All papers must:

- **Have a thesis that is debatable:** There must be an opposing view to your thesis, or it is not an argument. You may not write yes/no (pro/con) arguments.
- **Have a rational argument:** An argument must be based in fact, not emotion or beliefs.
- **Include both counterarguments and rebuttals to opponents of your stance:** To appropriately convince your reader, you must address the opposition.
- **Present clear, logical points:** Your argument must be organized in a logical order and must have clear connections between ideas.
- **Give credit where credit is due:** All outside sources must be documented (e.g., references and in-text citations) using APA format. This includes a references page. You must have at least 5 sources.

Research Paper Timeline

Week #	Monday	Wednesday	Friday
Week 10 March 24-28			Research Paper Outline Due
Week 11 March 31 – April 4		Quotation Sampler Due	First Draft Due
Week 12 April 7-11			
Week 13 April 14-18		Second Draft Due	
Week 14 April 21-25			
Week 15 April 28-May 1		Last Day of Class FINAL DRAFT DUE	

Important Dates:

March 28	Outline Due
April 2	Quotation Sampler due
April 4	First draft due
April 16	Second draft due
April 30	Final draft due