



# YOUR ONE-STOP SHOP

## Senior Passion Project Helpful Research Resources

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### SOURCES

RESOURCE NAME & WHAT IT'S GOT TO OFFER

RESOURCE LINKS

#### LHS Library: Research Databases & Access Info

- ONLY NEEDED WHEN NOT ON LHS NETWORK
- Vetted Articles. Millions of 'em. Really.
- Citation Entries
- Usernames & Passwords to access from home

*Vetted sources chock full of information. Easy-peasy.*



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### SENIOR PASSION PROJECT BASICS

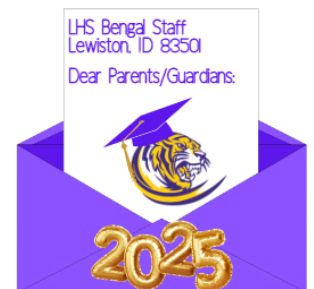
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#### Parent/Guardian Letter AND Parent/Guardian & Student Agreement

- A simplified overview
- The purpose of the Senior Passion Project
- The agreement to do the work

*Parent/Guardian communication and involvement are Key in building a solid foundation of support for students. They're Kind of a big deal and appreciate knowing what's expected of their Kiddos.*



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#### Components & Due Dates

**UNDER CONSTRUCTION**

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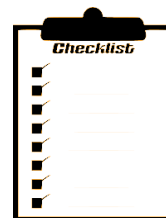
*This is your pet  
Know where we're headed.*



## Student Checklist

- Exactly what it sounds like - check 'em off as they're done & deemed proficient
- Kept in class for convenience and ease of access

*Having a list helps keep track of what's done and what's not. There's a certain satisfaction in crossing items off a list.*

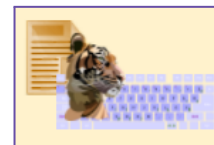


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## Overview of Expectations & Requirements

- Big Picture

*This is a basic blueprint of the written components, specifics are in the files linked ⇒*



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## Topic Proposal

- Brainstorm your approach
- Think through your thesis
- Provides a reason for your topic choice

*This is your pre-research brainstorm, your plan of attack, your basic framework for the incredible components you're going to write throughout this process.*



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## Creating Your Burning Questions/Essential Subtopics

- Narrowing down your focus
- Considering what you want to know/learn
- Phrase the question/subtopic to elicit in-depth responses

*You've got your topic, but that's a huge undertaking. To make it more focused, purposeful, and manageable, you will narrow it down to specific questions/subtopics. Remember, this is your PASSION project - be sure your questions/subtopics lead you down your chosen path.*



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## Expert Interview: Purpose, Process, & Expectations

- Why it's important
- Thinking through who would be your best option

*It helps to put ideas and possibilities on paper to really look at and think through 'em. Consider the possibilities. That's all this is.*



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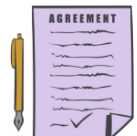

## Expert Testimony: Interview Questions

- All expert contact information
- A place to come up with and record your questions (gotta have at least 7 total)
- 3 must be your Burning Questions/Essential Subtopics 4 spots for your own questions (no, these aren't optional)
- Linked list to help if you're struggling (tweak them to fit your needs)

*We're keepin' it neat and tidy by using this doc to organize your expert's information and answers. You already have a copy in Classroom, but this is here too in case you need it.*





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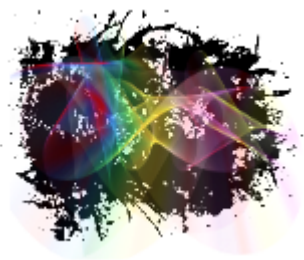
<h3>Expert Agreement</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Document to record agreed upon date and time for the interview</li> </ul> <p><i>Nothing much to say about this one, it is what it says. Think of it as record-keeping.</i></p>	 <p><a href="#">LINK</a></p>
<h3>Expert Interview: Straight From The Source</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Your interview questions (include the 3 Burning Questions/Subtopics)</li> <li>➤ The expert's responses are recorded here</li> </ul> <p><i>Because the questions and responses are all in one doc, it's crazy-easy to reference and pull information to weave skillfully into the tapestries that are your information paragraphs.</i></p>	 <p><a href="#">LINK</a></p>

**SENIOR PASSION PROJECT SCORING RUBRICS**

<i>RESOURCE NAME &amp; WHAT ITS GOT TO OFFER</i>	<i>RESOURCE LINKS</i>
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<h3>Informational Paragraph Rubric</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Specific Expectations</li> <li>➤ Score Breakdown</li> <li>➤ Guide for Successful Completion</li> </ul> <p><i>Within this document, you'll find specifics for how your paragraphs will be scored - no hidden agenda, no surprises. No Kidding.</i>  <i>*Bonus* You can use this rubric as a checklist for this component. Got it done? Check it off. Not so much? Then make it a priority for completion.</i></p>	 <p><a href="#">LINK</a></p>
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<h3>Infographic Rubric</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Expectations for the Infographic</li> <li>➤ Score Breakdown</li> </ul> <p><i>Our goal is to do all we can to support you and provide resources to help you along your road to success.</i>  <i>*Bonus* See previous rubric...</i></p>	 <p><a href="#">LINK</a></p>
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<h3>Abstract Rubric</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Expectations Specific to the Abstract</li> <li>➤ Score Breakdown</li> </ul> <p><i>This component should be pretty darn straight-forward, just like the rubric.</i>  <i>*Bonus* See first rubric...</i></p>	 <p><a href="#">LINK</a></p>
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## Rationale Rubric

- Expectations Specific to the Rationale
- Score Breakdown

*A strong finish leaves a lasting impression - leave your audience in awe of your Knowledge and talent.*

*\*Bonus\* See first rubric...*



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## Expert Paragraphs Rubric

- Expectations Specific to the Expert Paragraphs
- Score Breakdown

*Your expert gave their time, experience, and Knowledge to help you get an additional perspective on your passion, it's only right to give them the credit they're due. Celebrate their contribution by giving them a sincere thank you.*

*\*Bonus\* See first rubric...*



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## Passion Project Symposium ("presentation") Rubric

- Presence - appearance and expression
- Presentation - what you're supposed to have on the trifold and what to bring with you
- Information - what you are to address while speaking to the judges
- Significance - the big finale where you

*This rubric makes clear what your judges are looking and listening for while you dazzle 'em with your extensive Knowledge concerning your chosen topic. Now's the time to let your excitement shine as you clarify the importance of your topic, share your passion and personal connections, and demonstrate learning through this process.*



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## RESEARCH COMPONENTS – INSTRUCTIONS, STEPS, & PROCESS

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### Research Written Component Requirements

*Expectations for...*

- sources
- format
- length
- citations & general works cited

*Contained in this doc are all the requirements and necessities for an amazing paper - let it be your guide to greatness!*



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### Research Info Gathering Instructions

- Requirements
- How-to
- Sources
- Helpful Hints

*The nitty-gritty of gathering the information for your paper - success is within your reach!*



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## Information Gathering Graphic Organizers

- Last link is a sample
- ONE subtopic/question per doc
- A MINIMUM of TEN quotes per subtopic/question
- TWO different sources per subtopic/question
- Include the PERMALINKS to avoid disaster

*These are links to the Google Docs you were assigned in Classroom - in other words, you already have them.*

### Research Graphic Organizer

[Question/Subtopic #1](#)  
[Question/Subtopic #2](#)  
[Question/Subtopic #3](#)

[SAMPLE](#)

## Basic Research Paper Framework

- Another reminder of expectations - can't have too many!
- Breakdown of what goes in the intro, body, and conclusion paragraphs

*Yes, you know how to write a paper. But if we're being honest, having a framework is a failsafe to be sure we're all on the same page. You'll thank me later.*



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## Research: The Next Phase

- Turning the information and paraphrasing into paragraphs
- A step-by-step guide
  - written instructions
  - screenshots for reference
  - reminders of what to revise for

*Once your quotes with citations and paraphrases with citations have been approved, this is next. You're about to see your body paragraphs materialize with little effort and big payout - who doesn't love that?!?!*

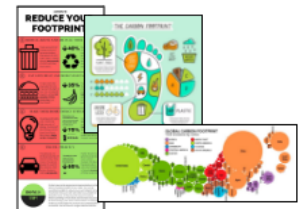


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## Infographic Expectations & Guidelines

- What to consider
- What to include
- How to design an impressive infographic

*When time is of the essence, we want to consume information as quickly and efficiently as possible. Enter the star of the show - the infographic. She's a vision to behold; design and data come together to enchant and educate. She's the total package.*



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## Abstract Requirements & Instructions

- What it is, and what it isn't
- What must be included
- Formatting and structure
- Pointers and tips
- And, the icing on the cake - a sample to peruse

*Since we aren't crafting a totally traditional paper, we are creating an abstract instead of an introduction. While similar, the structure and purpose differ. We're still leaving out personal pronouns as this is an academic paper. Everything, and I mean everything, you need to be successful is in the link. Check it out, and be sure to read carefully.*

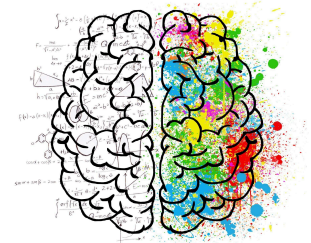


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## Rationale Requirements & Instructions

- What it is
- The points you must address
- Formatting and structure

*Like the abstract, this piece also has specific purpose and structure. While it will come after your informational paragraphs, it's not a conclusion. Pay close attention to the instructions, and you'll find success in the finished product.*



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## Expert Paragraphs Requirements & Instructions

- Why you're doing it
- What to address in each of the two paragraphs
- Formatting and structure

*This is the chance to highlight your expert including who they are, what they do, why they're awesome, and the reason you chose them. Your expert gave you their time and Knowledge, say "thank you".*



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## GENERAL WRITING STRUCTURE & MLA FORMATTING

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### RESOURCE LINKS

#### Works Cited Page: Formatting & Sample

*What you need and how it should look.*

- Information needed for the Works Cited entries
- Order of information within each entry
- Sample Entry

*This is your guide, your basic information, the clarity you were looking for. And, because I like you, there's a sample too.*



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#### Creating Works Cited Entries

*When you gotta Kick it old school and create your own works cited entry, don't worry - I got you.*

- Creating A Works Cited from Scratch
- What You Need
- How To Format It When It's Not Done For You

*Should you find yourself in a situation where you have to create your works cited entry for a source, this is your resource. And me. You can always ask me, I'm not THAT scary.*



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#### Table of Contents Template

*I made it for you so you didn't have to 'cause I like you. Kids.*

- Just make a copy and insert your information.

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[SAMPLE](#)

#### Title Page Template

*This one oughtta only take a minute.*

- After making a copy, just insert your words - no formatting necessary

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#### Printed Packet Template

*No one needs one more thing to do, just use this template.*

- Running headers (last name and page number) just need your info

[TEMPLATE](#)

## Google Docs Citation Tool

What a gift the Google gurus have bestowed upon us - a tool that does magic for works cited source entries!

- MLA Formatting
- Alphabetizing
- Hanging Indents
- In-Text Citations

Too bad this wasn't around in my day when we had to create these by hand. Using books. And typewriters. While walking uphill both ways. Okay, that last part isn't true.

## RESEARCH PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

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#### Trifold Presentation Board Instructions & Expectations

Detailed instructions/expectations for the creation of your masterpiece: the presentation tri-fold

- Addresses all four sections on the rubric
- Explains each point and what you need to do

C'mon, don't make it harder than it has to be - read carefully and do what it says. Period.



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#### Senior Passion Project Presentation Instructions

We want you to do well, so here's the exact judging rubric.

- Categories have 4 - 6 expectations in each
  - Presence
  - Presentation
  - Information
  - Significance
- Required points are in bold and underlined - without even one, your project will not meet proficiency, so read the instructions and the rubric very carefully.
  - 5 high resolution images with explanation
  - Expert paragraphs
  - Abstract
  - Rationale

No hidden fees or fine print. The path to success is clear - use the rubric as a checklist to be sure you've got everything you need.

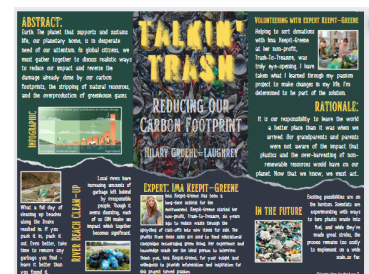


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#### Sample Presentation Tri-fold

Need a visual? Some Inspiration? Look no further...

- The sample has it all. No, really. It has all the requirements included and earned a proficient score from Queen VanB of The Library.
- While this sample was done in Canva, yours will be on a standard presentation tri-fold, so your work will not look so squished and cramped and crowded.
- Not sure what size font to print your components and labels in? This is no problem, come see me - I've done the work so you don't have to. Yeah, yeah, you're welcome.



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It's a thing of beauty, if I do say so myself.

### Judging Questions

The judges will ask a few of these questions...

- Practice your responses ahead of time
- Use note cards with simple points, if it helps
- Be specific and reference your learning

Now is the time to use those personal pronouns since this part is all about YOU! Shine on, you glorious little star!



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## VALUABLE RESOURCES & BONUS MATERIAL

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### RESOURCE LINKS

### Purdue University Online Writing Lab (OWL)

When it comes to MLA anything, this site is the GOAT.

- General Paper Formatting
- In-Text Citations
- Works Cited

You name it, they've got it covered.



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### Write On!

This is a Glideshow I created with loads of reference materials for writing both INTRODUCTIONS and CONCLUSIONS (ignore the instructions to respond, unless you really want to and have nothing else to do - ha!)

- Crafting engaging intros
- Writing awe-inspiring thesis statements
- Conclusions - how to end with a bang!

A veritable smorgasbord - fuel your brain!



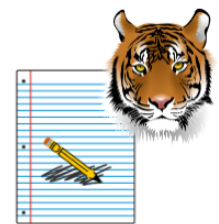
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### Thesis Statements: A Guide

Your introductory paragraph, most especially your THESIS, simply MUST captivate your audience.

- Definition & Explanation
- Tips & Tricks
- Revision Suggestions & Examples

Hook 'em, set 'em up, and ease 'em into your essay.



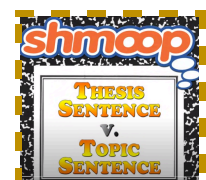
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### Thesis Sentence Vs. Topic Sentence: Video

Sometimes we just need a visual.

- Clarifies the difference between Thesis and Topic Sentence

Shmoop comes through again with their weird, strangely clear approach.



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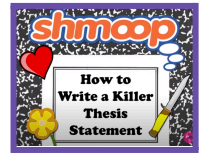


## How To Write A Killer Thesis Statement

*When it comes down to it, we all want to impress - pay attention.*

- Guidance to slay your audience with your words

*Again, Shmoop speaks the truth. Listen up.*



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## Dazzle 'Em, Don't Distract 'Em: General Presentation Guidelines

- Aesthetics
- Content
- Structure

*The what, how, and why of setting up a stellar presentation - you want your audience to pay attention, not tune you out.*



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