**Research Paper**

**Introduction Paragraph**

* Introduces the topic and time period (common knowledge)
* Do not state your specific topic until your thesis statement
* **Thesis statement** – the last sentence of the 1st paragraph that states what you will prove throughout your paper
* **No Thesis Statement = an F**!
* **Hook sentence** – the 1st sentence of the Introduction paragraph that grabs the reader’s attention – cannot be a yes/no question
* **Do not include any research that needs a citation in this paragraph**

**Body Paragraphs**

* All research included in the Body paragraphs must answer the 3 research questions on the Criteria sheet (Why, How, Influence/Impact)
* Each paragraph begins with a Topic sentence
* **Topic Sentence –** the 1st sentence in each body paragraph that states the main idea of the paragraph. This sentence should not be a Hook sentence. That is only used in the Introduction paragraph.
* **In-text citations** – cites the author/page # of the source of the information written in your sentences – **must match Works Cited Page information**
* **No in-text citations = an F!!!**

**Conclusion Paragraph**

* **No new information** can be stated in the Conclusion paragraph.
* **No in-text citations** should be in the Conclusion paragraph because it is a summary of what was already written in the Introduction and Body Paragraphs
* Restate the thesis statement
* Summarize the important details from each body paragraph
* DO NOT STATE YOUR OPINION
* **The paper cannot be written in the 1st person. Doing so will result in an F!!!**

**Works Cited**

* Alphabetically lists all sources cited in the paper
* Separate page from the Research Paper – not included in your total page number
* Same font size and type as the rest of the Research Paper
* **No Works Cited page = an F!!!**