

Final Research Paper Checklist

[] 1. Does the essay have a clear thesis? (Is it an assertion about something and not just an observation?)

[] 2. Does every topic sentence of each paragraph support the thesis?

[] 3. Does each paragraph have supporting evidence for the topic sentence of that paragraph? Are there sufficient in text citations and are the citations documented correctly? Do the in text citations match the texts in the bibliography?

[] 4. Are there clear and helpful transitions between paragraphs? (Are the paragraphs isolated units, or are they connected by transitions like "Furthermore" or "However"?)

[] 5. Does the last paragraph give enough sense of completion? (Does the essay seem "completed" or "ended", or does the writer get tired of writing?)

[] 6. Is the vocabulary clear, appropriate, and effective throughout the paper?

[] 7. Is the essay written in standard written English?

[] 8. Are all words correctly spelled and capitalized?

[] 9. Are all of the forms of punctuation correct?

[] 10. Does the essay have a title?

[] 11. Is there a bibliography? Is it documented correctly? Does it meet the required number of sources?

[] 12. Does the paper meet the page number requirement? Is it double-spaced? (The bibliography should not be included in required page count).

[] 13. Has someone else proofread your paper to catch basic mistakes or gaps that you may not see?