


Research Paper

Final Project

Grades: 10-11

<p>Overview</p> 	<p>This lesson will be used to introduce students to the final project they will be doing in class. The final project is a research paper that will be completed by an individual student. In class we will discuss the requirements for the research paper and the students will have time to brainstorm what topic they will choose to write their paper about (topics must be approved by me by next class at the latest).</p> <p>It will also introduce their requirement to use the internet application Backpack, and show them how to use the application.</p>
<p>Objective</p>	<p>Following this lesson, students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Begin work on the final project including: brainstorming a topic, begin research for that topic, making a rough outline of their research paper. • Operate basic actions of the Backpack application and collaborate with other students and myself if they have any questions about the research paper.
<p>Standards¹</p>	<p>CMP.2.10 No Resources Available</p> <p>Write or deliver a research report that has been developed using a systematic research process (defines the topic, gathers information, determines credibility, reports findings) that: [11.5.10/12.5.10]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • uses information from a variety of sources (books, technology, multimedia), distinguishes between primary and secondary documents, and documents sources independently by using a consistent format for citations. • synthesizes information gathered from

¹ With specific topics standards retrieved from <http://www.indianastandards.org/standard.asp?Subject=eng&Grade=CMP&Standard=2>

	<p>a variety of sources, including technology and one's own research, and evaluates information for its relevance to the research questions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • demonstrates that information that has been gathered has been summarized, that the topic has been refined through this process, and that conclusions have been drawn from synthesizing information. • demonstrates that sources have been evaluated for accuracy, bias, and credibility. • incorporates numeric data, charts, tables, and graphs. • organizes information by classifying, categorizing, and sequencing, and demonstrates the distinction between one's own ideas from the ideas of others, and includes a bibliography (Works Cited).
<p>Materials</p>	<p>Students will need:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pencil • Notebook • Textbook (for reference on MLA/APA standards for research papers) • Computer w/ Internet Access <p>Instructor will need:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lesson Plan • Knowledge of Project requirements • Project Handout (requirements/rubric) • Knowledge of BackPack application • PowerPoint Presentation for stimulating lecture (recommended)
<p>Procedure</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Begin class by taking attendance 2. Pass out the Research Paper Requirements Handout (Pre-made and printed out prior to class) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Explain handout <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. emphasize choosing topic (due next class) ii. emphasize required due dates for

	<p>other portions of research paper)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. Answer Questions <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Explain BackPack and how the students will use it. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Answer any questions 4. Allow students to brainstorm what topic they would like to choose for their research paper. 5. If students have topic chosen before the end of class take time to approve the topic (if substitute please write them down with the student's name) 6. Remind students that the topic is due by the next day of class. No exceptions!
<p>Evaluation</p>	<p>The students will be graded when the projects are turned into the teacher. They will be graded on the content within their project, use of proper English (grammar, sentence structure, verb agreement, MLA/APA formatting, etc), and use of the application BackPack.</p>