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The Research Paper

 Throughout my many years of school, I have had many assignments that have required me to plan and create a research paper. I already struggle at writing regular essays, but with research papers I have more steps added to something I loathe. Research papers are common in many classes and can be overwhelming; but, taking it in sections and staying organized can be the difference between failing and passing. Thankfully, all my instructors have understood that research assignments require a lot and they guide us when we encounter issues. To this day, every research assignment that I have encountered concluded in a good grade. What they graded on was fair. They mainly focused on grammar, format, and citations. I have been very successful at research papers due to my teachers and the words they gave me.

Every year in English, I have some form of writing project that would be worth a substantial amount of my overall grade. Both high school and college encourage writing. All my research topics have taught me a lot. During my freshman year of high school, I wrote about Etta James. While researching, I learned many fun facts, like how Etta had a conflict with Beyoncé. Research papers were easily one of my favorite assignments. When I got to college, research papers became more difficult, requiring more time and work. Recently, I have been working on a research paper in my IT class and it is much more difficult than a high school research paper. The topics have to be specific, which can make the research portion tricky due to lack of information. The required length of the assignment changed drastically as well. From a simple four pages in high school to ten pages in college, the difficulty level dramatically increased Without a detailed plan, I would have been stressed and failed the assignments. Research assignments can be found in many courses and they are not avoidable.

 Instructors have always been an asset to succeeding at research assignments. In high school my research projects would consume a big chunk of class. Between the actual research, citations, and format, my teachers spent sufficient time teaching me the proper steps to successfully completing a research assignment. Citations was the first part on the assignment my teachers covered. She explained to us that citations were important because it gave the author for credit for their work. She then went on to explaining the outcomes to not citing correctly, which included plagiarism, violation of the honor code, and a zero on the assignment. Most research papers on a high school level require MLA citations which are fairly simple. Next, she taught us the correct format for the paper. Research papers have a cover page, the body of the paper, and a bibliography page for citations. Their help has always been great guidance to passing a research paper. When it comes to writing in general, always ask questions to make sure the questions are being answered in the way they need to be.

To this day, I have been very successful at conquering “The Research Assignment”. My teachers taught me a lot of detailed information that led me to success. Throughout my assignment, I paid close attention to the warnings given. Keeping my information and citations organized was the first step to success. The second step was ensuring my paper’s format was correct. Because my teachers would see me often during the assignment, they helped me be confident about my work and grade. They were not over-the-top strict when it came to the bibliography. They understood that it can be tricky keeping the citations organized; they just required the citations to be in the correct format and present on the assignment. Research assignments have always been successful for me.

Though research assignments can be difficult, they’re found in many classes and are unavoidable. I have had many research assignments assigned over the years. They all required a detailed plan and a formulated paper. My many instructors have all been helpful and have all guided me to success. I have been very successful at dealing with the research assignment. Through guidance and organization this has become my favorite assignment that always ends in a good grade.