

Revision Checklist for Research Paper

Introduction (Hook, Line, Sinker) (at least 5 sentences)

Does my first sentence ‘hook’ my reader? _____

Do I have at least three lines or sentences connecting my hook and sinker? _____

Do I have a thesis statement or ‘sinker’ telling about the important idea of the whole paper? This sentence should be last in the introduction and should mention my three subtopics. _____

Body (CEAL) (at least 5 sentences)

Do I have at least 3 body paragraphs? _____

Do I have a claim or main idea at the beginning of each of my body paragraphs? _____

Do I have at least three pieces of evidence/details to support my main idea? _____

These details should come from my notes and should be properly cited. _____

Did I analyze the evidence or details (explain the details so my audience can understand) in each body paragraph if I needed to? _____

Do I have a link (wrap-up sentence) at the end of each body paragraph connecting back to my thesis or main idea or linking forward to the next paragraph? _____

Conclusion (TRIP) (at least 5 sentences)

Do I restate my thesis or ‘sinker’ at the beginning of my conclusion? _____

Do I review the main ideas (subtopics) I have discussed in my writing? _____

Do I discuss the implications or the importance of the main ideas in my paper? _____

Do I have a good parting thought to end my paper? Do not say ‘Thank you for reading my paper’ or ‘The End’. Give the reader something to think about. Sometimes it’s a good idea to connect back to your hook (first sentence) in your introduction. _____

Word Choice

Did I start all of my body paragraphs and my conclusion with transitions that make sense? _____

Did I use transition words throughout my paper to make the writing flow and connect together? _____

Did I try out some interesting vocabulary words? _____

Did I use any words from the 'Find a Better Word' list? (Find them and change them to something better if needed.) _____

Did I repeat words too often? _____

Sentence Fluency

Did I start my sentences with a variety of words? (Check the first word in each sentence and make sure you are not repeating too much.) _____

Do my sentences vary in length? (Count words in each sentence and read the numbers or read the paper out loud to someone and make sure it flows and doesn't sound choppy.)

Presentation

Do I have at least five paragraphs and at least five sentences in each? _____

Did I do anything extra to earn a 4? _____ (Write a longer paper (extra evidence), almost perfect conventions, etc.)

Do I have my heading done correctly? (First and last name, Date, Period ____, all single-spaced in the top right-hand corner) _____

Do I have a title and is it capitalized correctly? _____

Is my paper double spaced after the heading with no extra spaces between paragraphs?

Research

Do I have my works cited page formatted correctly with at least 3 sources (1 book and 2 articles) and is it in alphabetical order, double spaced, hanging indents? _____

Do I have at least three in-text citations in each body paragraph and are they done correctly? _____

To earn a 4, the Works Cited page should be almost free of errors and in-text citations should be all or mostly correct. _____