



Summer Reading Option The Passion Project

Do you have a hobby, interest, or passion?

Would you like an excuse to learn more about it AND earn points for school next year?

Then this new summer reading option is for you!!!

Instead of spending time this summer reading a book from the list, you could spend time learning more about something you already love. Enjoy cooking? Learn more about it and get credit in your English class next year! Obsessing about a video game? Spend hours “researching” how it was made and how to beat it, and you can write it up for bonus points! Love riding and fixing your motorcycle or 4-wheeler? Spend your summer learning maintenance tricks and show off your newly acquired knowledge in your English class next year!

To complete this summer reading project, you will need:

- a topic approved by your 9th-grade teacher or a parent/guardian.
- five (5) questions you would like to answer over the summer. These questions must require multiple sentences to answer. (If you researched this same topic for an earlier summer, you need 5 NEW questions).
- MLA citations for at least three (3) sources of information where you find your answers. These sources can be web pages, books, magazines, people, or YouTube videos.
- share your research on a poster, PowerPoint or in other visual presentation style (requirements attached)

Complete the project and bring it on your first day of school. Turn it in to your English teacher for bonus points.

If you forget it on the first day, no worries! The actual due date for Summer Reading is September 15, 2023, but the bonus points are only available the first week (August 22-25, 2023).

The Passion Project Research Template
(This is an optional note-taking guide)

Name: _____

Topic: _____

Teacher or Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Sources Consulted:

Please provide MLA citations for each source you used in your
research.

Source 1	
Source 2	
Source 3	

Question	Answer	Source

The Passion Project Presentation Requirements

(This will be turned in, but not presented to classmates)

Whether you choose to do your presentation electronically (PowerPoint, Prezi, Voki, or another type of digital media) or “old-school” (poster, tri-fold, or scrapbook), all of the following information **MUST** be included, visible and easily identified:

1. Your full name
2. An explanation of your chosen topic so that someone who had never seen or heard of it before will be able to follow your presentation.
3. Each of your five (5) research questions is clearly identified.
4. A clearly stated answer for each question, as well as the source(s) from which you gained your information. (In-text citations)
5. An MLA Works Cited page listing all your sources must be attached at the end.

The presentation must be visually accessible (neat and well-organized).

Scoring Rubric:

Category	5	4	3	2	1
Neatness					
Organization					
Quality of Questions					
Quality of Answers					
Completeness					
Accuracy					
Works Cited					

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Modern Language Association Citation Style

Works Cited Page

- A Works Cited page lists all of your sources in a very specific order.
- The information about each particular source is also in a very particular order.
- In English class, we use MLA citation style.

Works Cited Page Format

- Works Cited pages have 1-inch margins.
- Works Cited pages are double-spaced.
- Works Cited pages are reverse indented. This is also called “hanging indent.”
- Works Cited pages use very specific punctuation.
- The page says Works Cited at the top, centered.
- Your Works Cited page is stapled to the back of your research paper.

Works Cited - Sources

- Sources are listed in alphabetical order by the first word in the citation.
- If a piece of information is not available (For example, the webpage does not have an author), skip to the next piece of information.
- Here are common sources for you to follow. The punctuation is **displayed**, and then a reminder is listed in (parentheses) afterward.

Books

Author's last name, (comma) **First name**. (period) ***Title of the Book***. (underlined or in italics) (period) **City of Publication**, (comma) **Publishing company**, (comma) **Year of publication**. (period)

Interview

Last name of interviewee, (comma) **First name**. (period) **Kind of interview**. (Personal or published) (period) **Date of interview**. (Ex: 11 Dec. 2008) (period)

***If published, you need to cite more information about what and where it came from.**

Newspaper or Magazine Article

Author's last name, (comma) **First name**. (period) **"Title of the Article."** (in quotation marks) (period inside quotes) ***Title of the Periodical***, (italicized or underlined) (comma) **Day Month Year**, (comma) **pages**. (period)

***Note that pages in a newspaper may look different due to section of the paper. For example p. A1**

Page on a Website – For example, if you used only one article on the site.

Author's last name, (comma) **First name**. (period) **"Title of Article."** (in quotation marks) (period inside quotes) ***Title of the Webpage***. (period) **Name of sponsoring organization or publisher**, (comma) **Date of electronic publication or latest update**, (Ex: 24 Aug. 2002) (if no date is available, use n.d.) (comma) **URL from www.**. (period) **Accessed when**. (Ex: Accessed 11 Dec. 2008) (period)