**English 109**

**Research Project**

**Information and Checklist**

Your introduction will begin **in the action or with a point of interest** concerning your topic. The 5-7 pages of the body will focus on details, giving moment-by moment events surrounding your main character(s). Clear details are to be presented to your reader as clarification of your topic. Both storyline and research must be balanced to create an organized, focused, and informative paper. Approximately 60-70% of your paper should be narrative, and 30-40% should be research data. The conclusion should bring everything to a close.

Your story must be believable, detailed, and include dialogue. Note: Dialogue Punctuation:

“I never thought it would come to this. I have once again made the wrong decision. Nothing is ever going to be the same,” Kerry said.

The counselor, Mrs. Jones, looked compassionately at Kerry. “Let’s see what we can do to help you cope.”

You must include dialogue in your paper, but it should be used sparingly.

All categories listed must appear in the story.

Pay close attention to the **Language** requirements. We will review the specifics listed. If you personally need further assistance, let me know.

Be sure you have checked your paper for the following before it is submitted:

**An initial draft is to be ready on January 9th. This draft must be in paragraph form and in near turn-in condition. Be sure you have a reference page. We will do peer editing and revision on the 9th and 10th.**

**Final draft due on Wednesday, Jan 13! NO LATE PAPERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

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**Checklist:**

**Introduction**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Research topic is introduced and main character appears

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Introduction is creative and interesting

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Introduction begins in the action or with a point of interest

**Body Development**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Body clearly focuses on the topic, helping to further the point

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Body is moment-by-moment in terms of detail

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Detail serves to enhance understanding of situation, not bog it down

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Clear, rich details paint a picture for the reader

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Story is clearly written, focused and logically organized

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Balance of research and narrative, story does not ramble

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Body works to help support the main point of the commentary, keeping focus and

fluency

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Must be about 30-40% research data / 60-70% story

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Research information in fluently worked into paper

**Conclusion**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Main point is clear by the conclusion

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ All events are wrapped up and sufficiently analyzed by the end

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ No new information is presented in the conclusion

**Style**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ More than just a story told — a point made and reader is more aware of social issue

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Narrative is believable

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Attention to description and detail

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Title works to introduce essay and connects to the main point

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Used dialogue effectively

**Reference Information**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Correct parenthetical in-text citations

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ All entries are complete

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ APA style followed (Alphabetized, spacing, etc.)

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ All in-text citations correspond to a reference page entry

**Language (Use Spell/Grammar Check Options)**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Avoided comma splice and fused sentences

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ No contractions are used

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Spelling and capitalization are correct

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Correct use of quotation marks — note: thoughts need punctuation

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Used a wide variety of words and avoided overuse of words; interesting vocabulary

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ All paragraphs flow and fit together well; transitions create fluency

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Used a variety of sentences

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Appropriate/consistent verb tense and subject-verb agreement

**Presentation**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ APA formatting used

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Title page follows directions

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Header is accurate: Running head and page numbers

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Meets the page requirement (minimum 5)