



MY RESEARCH NOTEBOOK

Name _____

Fourth Grade

STEP ONE: PICK A TOPIC

Directions: Be sure you have carefully read the assignment. You are to pick a topic that you are interested in. Then complete this page.

This is due on _____

Topic I Am Researching (What are you going to learn about?)

Some Things I Would Like to Learn About This Subject (List 3 or 4 things)

Step Two: Bibliography

Directions: As you find sources for your topic, fill in the information below. You do not have to do this in order. You must have 1 source in each category, but you may have more than 1 in each category.

This is due on _____

Book Source

1. Author _____

Title _____

Pages you used _____

2. Author _____

Title _____

Pages you used _____

Reference (Encyclopedia) Source

1. Name of the Encyclopedia _____

Volume Number _____ Page Number _____

Title of Article _____

2. Name of the Encyclopedia _____

Volume Number _____ Page Number _____

Title of Article _____

Web Sites

Exact Web Address _____

Exact Web Address _____

STEP THREE: YOUR RESEARCH

Directions: As you read your sources, you need to take notes so that you remember both the important things you read and where you can find the information. Fill out at least one sheet per source. This is the place to spell names and ideas correctly. Remember do not copy word for word from your source.

Notes from Sources

Name of Source _____

Circle one: book source reference source web source

Important Information I found:

Page _____

Page _____

You may use as many of these pages as you need, but you must have one for each source you use.

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STEP FOUR: WRITING A ROUGH DRAFT OF YOUR PAPER

Directions: Use your notes and any other facts you have gathered to write a rough draft of your paper.

Your paper should include

1. An introductory paragraph that gets the reader started, states what you are writing about, and 1 important fact about your subject.

For example

Did you know that Ohio's state bird is the cardinal? It is a bright red bird that lives all year round in Ohio, even the winter. Male cardinals are always bright red, but after the female cardinal lays its eggs, the color of its feathers become a dull grayish-red.

2. The body of your paper which includes information from all of your sources.
3. A concluding sentence that summarizes what you have written about.

Your rough draft is to be

1. Done on the computer
 2. Double spaced.
 3. Put in a folder with all of these papers
 4. Have a friend or a parent read over your draft for correct grammar and spelling.
- You will then turn the draft and your papers in for me to read and edit.

The Draft is Due _____

Your Final Paper is Due _____