

Writing the Paper Overview

The 1,000-word essay is the basis of your NHD project. It should show significant research and make conclusions. You need to answer your main research question. This paper will be the basis of your final NHD project. (See Rubric)

Thesis

Your thesis statement should be included in the introductory section of your paper. This statement summarizes the viewpoint for the entire paper. It can be very broad, but it should still tell the reader your basic argument.

Organization

These are the required sections for your paper. Your paper can be organized however you best see fit to convey the information. However, following the attached draft outline will ensure that all necessary information is included.

Conclusion

The conclusion is the most important part of the project. This is the reason your research is worthwhile. It should not be a book report on your topic, You must prove, by searching primary documents, that your thesis is correct or valid. This is research with a point of view. Make sure that you also draw in the connection to the theme throughout.

Research

This paper should refer to multiple sources, both secondary and primary. You should cite at least four secondary sources. These will generally give you your background to the topic and perhaps some of the connection to the theme. You should cite at least four primary documents throughout the paper.

Images

Images are another source of primary information. You should use at least three images in your paper. They may be placed within the text or included as an appendix. Captions should accompany all images. Images are typically cited as primary sources. However, these images do not count toward the four primary sources you need unless your project involves art, images, posters, etc.

Style, Capitalization, Usage, Punctuations, Grammar, Syntax

Your writing style directly impacts your content. The style in which you write decides on how the information will be conveyed to the reader. There should be no typographical mistakes or errors in grammar. You should write in a professional tone (limit parenthesis, jargon/slang, and even rhetorical questions). The paper should be written in the third person and the same tense should be used throughout the paper.