

TERM PAPER ASSIGNMENTS TIMELINE

You will be working on a term paper from now through the end of May. We will devote quite a bit of class time to this project, but most of your work will be done at home. We'll discuss how to go from choosing your topic to finding and using various sources, taking notes, outlining your paper, making a first draft and finally writing the final draft. We will visit the main library as a class to acquaint you with it's layout, but you will probably have to go there and/or to your local library on your own as well.

The term paper will be written on a topic of your choice. The minimum length of the paper is 10-12 pages, typed (double-spaced). This length includes only the main text of your paper. All other materials (table of contents, bibliography, illustrations, etc.) will be written on additional pages. **The due date for the first draft of your paper is Monday, April 30.**

Below is a listing of the due dates for the various parts of the project. You are expected to submit each required component on the day noted below, with no exceptions and no excuses.

REMEMBER: Any assignment submitted late will lower your final grade by *one full grade*. Any assignment submitted more than five school days after the due date will be cause for *failing* the paper.

Mon., Dec. 11-- *Two topics due.*

Mon., Jan. 29-- *Tentative bibliography due.* See *Bibliographical Form Sheet* for proper form.

Fri., March 2-- *Notes due.* Aim for at least 100 cards.

Fri., March 30-- *Notes due.* You should have all of your information by now, approximately 300 cards.

Mon., April 2-- *Outline & thesis due.* Should show the topics you intend to cover and the order in which you intend to present them. Your **thesis statement** is also due at this time.

Mon., April 30-- *First draft due.* Should closely follow the format set up in your outline. See *Parts of the Term Paper* to be sure your paper is complete.

Wed., May 23-- *Final paper due.* Be sure to make all additions, deletions and/or corrections requested in first draft.

May 24 – 31-- *Oral reports.* Your chance to tell the class about what you have learned while researching your paper.