

RESEARCH PAPER TOPIC/QUESTION ASSIGNMENT

ENGL102.1

WRITING AND RESEARCH

This is your first written assignment in the class. You should review the Research Paper Information Sheet before attempting this assignment. You should also make sure that you have read any of the reading assignments given to you on your study guide.

Send your instructor an email identifying what topic you have chosen for your research paper. In the email, you need to clearly identify the following items:

1. What the topic is
2. Why YOU are interested in the topic
3. What your readers will learn or gain from your paper
4. What SPECIFIC question about your topic you want to answer in your paper

For example, you might send the instructor an email that goes something like this:

Mrs. Smith, I want to write my paper on Pixar Animation. I have watched and enjoyed all of their movies and want to learn more about the studio that created those movies. Most people know and love Pixar movies, but they don't really know much about the company, how it was founded or exactly why it makes such good movies so consistently. My paper will answer the question: "Why are Pixar movies so much better than other animated movies?"

OR

My paper will be over Obsessive Compulsion Disorder. I first learned about this disorder from watching Monk on TV. When I saw it listed in the textbook and on the topic sheet, I decided that I didn't know much about the disease beyond the TV show. I think that my readers are also like me and probably don't know the reality of this disorder instead of what they see on TV. My paper will answer the question: "How does OCD actually affect the daily life of someone who has it?"

Please recognize that your paper will most likely evolve and change as you do your research and find more information about the topic. Your research question/thesis will most likely change as well. **This is just a starting point.**

You can email the instructor at any of the email addresses given to you in the course materials or by using either WebCentral or the online learning system.