

Writing an MLA Research Paper

Instructor: Joseph W. Smith III Class Code : Rsh400

Tuition : \$35.00

Length of Class (1st sem/ 2nd sem/both) 1st

Materials Fee : See "required text" below

Description:

This course will teach students how to write a research paper using MLA documentation. It will be largely hands-on, with students bringing in their work for feedback and revision. We will cover all steps including: choosing a topic, finding materials, using books, magazines, newspapers & personal interviews (also DVDs and TV if needed), how to distinguish worthy from unworthy online sources, writing a thesis, creating a list of works cited, writing an outline, using in-text citations, first draft and final draft. The resulting paper will be approximately 10 pages long. If there is time at the end of the semester, we may also briefly cover old-fashioned footnoting, which is back in vogue now that computer programs have made it much easier. BTW, the somewhat awkward class time of 3:20 - 4 is necessitated by my own working hours at Loyalsock High School.

Enrollment: Min: 4 Max: 12

Pre-Requisites: none

Required Text: The tuition fee includes the cost of an abridged Guide to MLA Documentation, a good deal cheaper, shorter and more user-friendly than the full-length books on the subject. It is tailored for high-school students. Each registered class member will receive a bound copy to have and keep.

Additional Materials: Ability to bring a laptop to class would be extremely useful for in-class revision and editing.

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