

# Research Paper Guidelines- Phase 4

## Introduction:

- This should be a paragraph that introduces the reader to your topic.
- An interesting fact can be used to start this introduction, such as, "Did you know..."
- Be sure not to state too much information in the introduction. Leave your facts for your body paragraphs.
- The introduction can be vague as long as you develop your ideas in the body paragraphs.
- It must include your problem question /thesis statement (page 6).

## Body: You must have AT LEAST 3 body paragraphs.

- Introduce the main point or idea of your body paragraph.
- Support that main idea with evidence or facts that you have found in your research.
- Everything that you did not already know from personal experience before writing this paper should be cited with the in-text and parenthetical citations from your research.
- Use transitions to tie each of your facts/evidence together. **DO NOT JUST STATE FACT AFTER FACT!!!**
- Each paragraph should end with a summarization or conclusion sentence to end the paragraph.

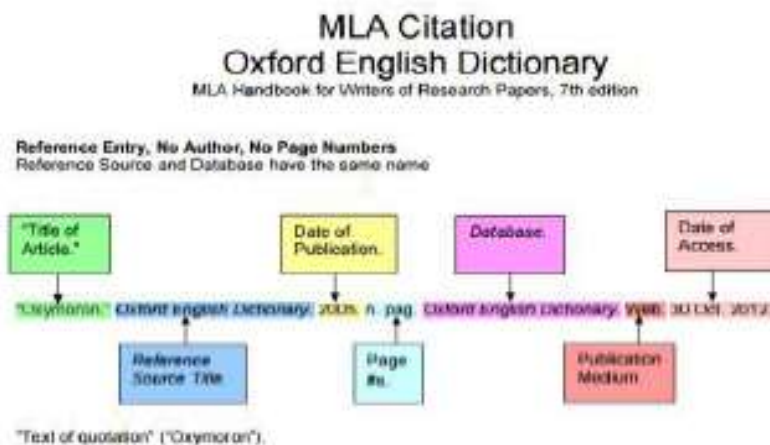
## Conclusion:

- Your conclusion paragraph should briefly (as in one sentence each) summarize the main point of your paper and each of your body paragraphs.
- End with a statement that will make your reader either continue to think about your topic or make them feel accomplished.
  - Example: With this new information, maybe you will be able to make a healthier choice next time you are selecting a shoe style.

## Works Cited:

- There is a step by step guide to using EasyBib on the GCJ science fair website if you need help!
- List your citations in **alphabetical order**. You must have at least 5 citations

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## All final papers will be typed:

- ✓ It is expected that all students visit the Green Cove Springs Junior High Science Fair website for the final research paper formatting template.
- ✓ The length of the paper should include:
  - 1 title page
  - 2 pages for research paper (minimum).
  - 1 works cited page
- ✓ **NEVER** use the words **I** or **me** in your paper.
- ✓ **Only** use the metric system when writing about anything that includes measurements.