

APA Research Paper Topic List

Below are three possible topics for an in depth research paper. To enable preliminary database searches, key words have been underlined. Notice these topics are very specific and “narrow” subjects. Students must examine the *full* details surrounding the topic in order to answer their own questions relating to the *full* topic. Remember also, all articles and essays are limited to five years or younger. The evidence may discuss prior data from previous years, but the data must reflect on current times.

Likewise, despite the fact some of these subjects have an intense pathos-element, students are looking for information related to **both sides** of the argument. The finalized paper must be 70% logos, 20% ethos, and 10% pathos. These are *not* personal persuasion essays. **In other words:** we will be discussing more argument strategies as you build the paper. Aim for a **Deductive** approach to explain the various materials you find. The last paragraph may show a preference towards one of the two sides of the issue.

Topics:

1. Race Relations in Modern America Post Civil Rights Era
2. Prevention of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) in Soldiers Returning from Afghanistan/Iraq
3. Commercial Space Shuttle Programs in the Private Sector

Word Count: 1,250

Reference Material Required:

1-3 physical or digital books (recommended)

5 articles from school databases (expected)

- resources must be used in the paper at least once
- substantial information must be collected and analyzed within the full paper

The project is divided into two stages. Part one consists of providing an abstract, in academic terms, which will propose your initial ideas and show a strong, working thesis. Part two shows the resulting finalized document. We will be discussing these secondary elements in the near future.

Monday, 02/02: APA Thesis and Abstract due

Monday, 02/09: Full APA paper due