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# Research Paper Reflections

Last year's students review the research paper process

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# To start with...

- DO NOT PROCRASTINATE writing your paper
  - Don't wait!
  - Do good on the research paper. Don't just mess around and blow it off until the last minute because it's a big paper that has to be done
  - Work on it during class cause it's a good opportunity and if you waste that time it's harder to get the paper done
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# Other Advice

- Make your notes cards! They are really useful when parenthetically citing things!
  - Make sure you have a good outline, and have planned your organization
  - I would tell them that the more notes you have, the easier it is to write and also you should enjoy the topic.
  - DON'T WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE! Do note cards- it helps with parenthetical citations. Keep track of your sources
  - Work alone, friends you can talk to later, papers you have to do now
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# More Advice

- Make sure you have enough information for each paragraph/point you're trying to make and you have enough knowledge to elaborate.
  - Use your time wisely, in and out of class. Waiting till the last week to do the whole paper won't get you the grade you want.
  - Make sure you take a lot of notes and ask a lot of questions. Be specific about what you are talking about and make sure you hand it in on time.
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# Finally...

- PLAYING ON YOUR PHONE UNDER THE TABLE OR GOING ON FACEBOOK SEEMS LIKE A GOOD IDEA BUT IT ISN'T. DO YOUR WORK, MANAGE YOUR TIME.
  - Just write it as soon as you get the chance, don't be fooled by the fact that you have weeks to do it. That's just a trap, making you think you have more time than you really do. As soon as you get the little information packet you're provided, write the paper like it were due next class, if you possibly can.
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# What did they do well last year?

- It makes me proud that I finished the paper because it is a large task.
  - I think the conclusion was killer.
  - I felt it was very well written, and reflects the amount of time and effort I put into this paper
  - I think I actually thoroughly understood the ins and outs of my topic which doesn't happen very often which I'm proud of.
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# More good stuff

- I liked my topic a lot and I thought it was well chosen and so it was fun to write about. I was proud about how I learned about something I had never even heard about before
  - I'm proud that I finished on time and was able to write so much because I was worried I would only be able to write about 3 pages
  - Being able to say I did all that research on my own and learning so much from doing it.
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## A final thought

- What makes me proud is that throughout working on the paper I learned a lot more on my country and how badly the war is going on there. Also, I am proud of how much my writing has improved just by doing this paper and I believe it's one of the best things I have written.
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