

PAP Persuasive Essay—Directions

1) Write a thesis statement, which states your position on one of the following:

- Should PreAP LA students be required to read an Agatha Christie novel?
- Which grade level would most benefit from reading an Agatha Christie novel?
- Are Agatha Christie novels relevant to today’s teenager?
- Are Agatha Christie novels as worthy of study as other classics?

2) You must have three sources (your Agatha Christie novel and two others). If you have your notes from class, this part is already done! Just find a way to incorporate the facts you’ve already recorded.

Go to the Friendswood Junior High website: <http://www.fisd12.net/jh/>

Click on library (list on the left).

Click on Knowledge Portal.

Search for a relevant article.

3) Read the articles and look for important facts that support your position.

4) Write the Works Cited information.

Book Source

Last Name, First Name. Title of Book. Place of Publication: Publisher, Year of Publication. Print.

Internet Source

Author’s Last Name, First Name. “Title of Article. Title of Website.

Associated Organization. Published or Updated Date. Web. Date you accessed the site <web address>.

“George Washington.” The White House. n. p. n.d. Web. 29 June

2008<<http://www.whitehouse.gov/history/presidents/gw1.html>>.

*Plug in information based on what is available on the website. If you don’t have an author, skip to the title. If there is a little title within the main website, include it in quotation marks. Then write the main title and underline it. If there is only one title, underline it. (n.p. means there is no publisher and n.d. means there is no copyright/update/published date.)

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- 5) **Open a new document in Word. Save it as Works Cited.** Type your sources (minimum of three). You should include your Christie novel. (alpha order/double spaced throughout)
- 6) **After completing the Works Cited page, plan the essay.**
Click on Safari or Firefox.
Go to my teacher website.

<http://www.teacherweb.com/TX/FriendswoodJrHigh/howard/>

Click on documents. Select PAP persuasive essay planning form. Open the document in **Word**. Save the document as **Essay Planning**. Complete the planning.
- 7) **Print the planning.**
- 8) **Now save the planning document as Essay Draft.** Delete the headings of each section. Indent each paragraph (Intro., body #1, body #2, and conclusion). Now you have the skeleton of your essay.
- 9) **Set up the document to track your changes (revisions).** Click on Tools in Word. Choose track changes. Choose highlight changes. Check all three boxes. Choose OK.
- 10) **Make revisions (add, remove, or move).** You should be adding commentary, additional support, and transitions. Have you included parenthetical documentation for quotations? Improve word choice. Some ideas may need to be moved around or even deleted.
- 11) **Print your Essay Draft with changes marked.**
- 12) **Accept the changes.** Select Tools in Word. Choose accept or reject changes. Choose accept all changes.
- 13) **Save the document as Final Draft, proofread, and print.**
- 14) **Print the Works Cited.**
- 15) **Turn in order:** rubric on top, final draft, works cited, draft with changes marked, and planning/outline.