



Answer Key

Deciphering Your Research Assignment (Video)

Check your knowledge about this topic by answering these questions.

Some questions have more than one correct answer.

1. What is a good first step for understanding your research assignment?

10 points

- Talk to your classmates to learn what they plan to do.
- Review the assignment instructions, marking important details such as due date and source types needed.
- Read the related chapters in your textbook and take detailed notes.
- None of the above.

2. What are some of the basic requirements you should understand about your assignment?

12 points

- Length of the paper
- Formatting (spacing, margins, font, title page needed)
- Date to turn in first draft
- Number of sources needed

3. If you are confused about the assignment instructions, what is the most helpful next step?

10 points

- Throw up your hands in frustration.
- Ask classmates how they interpreted the assignment instructions.
- Check in with your teacher to ask the questions you have.
- Start the project anyway, because you know what the instructor usually requires.

4. Which of the following may help you when writing a research paper?

12 points

- ✓ Using databases and books
- ✓ Consulting people who are experts on the topic
- ✓ Visiting school, public, or university libraries or archives
- ✓ Accessing library resources on your computer from home

5. Which statements are true about the process of writing a research paper?

12 points

- ✓ It is a recursive experience in which the writer moves back and forth through the research and writing steps.
- You can start at any step of the research process as long as you do them all.
- All of the steps of the research process take about the same amount of time to complete.
- ✓ Even after you have written your first draft, you may need to find additional sources to support one of your points.

6. If you get stuck midway through your research and paper writing experience, who can help you get back on track?

12 points

- ✓ Check in with your teacher.
- ✓ Consult with your school librarian.
- ✓ Seek help from a public librarian.
- ✓ Talk with an expert on the research topic.

7. What are some tasks that a librarian can best help you with when you are doing research?

12 points

- Proofread the final draft of your paper.
- ✓ Develop a search strategy.
- Answer questions about your teacher's assignment
- ✓ Identify appropriate resources

8. When seeking help, it's a good idea to bring your research assignment with you. True or false?

10 points

- True
- False

9. The video provides many tips about how to understand your research assignment. What is the BEST summary of those tips?

10 points

- Pay attention to details and reread the assignment requirements.
- Pay attention to the background information provided in the assignment.
- Try to memorize the assignment instructions.
- Plan each step of the research process.