

ENGLISH COMPOSITION II

Competency 127.1.1: Research - The graduate evaluates the quality, credibility, and relevance of evidence in order to integrate evidence into a final research paper.

Competency 127.1.2: Writing process - The graduate applies steps of the writing process appropriately to improve quality of writing.

Competency 127.1.3: Final report - The graduate composes an argumentative research paper.

Introduction:

Writing a research paper gives you an opportunity to explore a topic of special interest, research that topic, and organize your research findings in writing for an academic audience.

Through your preparation work, you have established an argumentative thesis statement and have planned a clear organization of your main points. Your research is complete, and the details are integrated into your writing plan. You have pulled it all together in a draft and have revised the paper's organization, ideas, and words.

In this task, you will write the final draft of your paper. Aim for a polished, error-free submission. The writing tone for your research paper should be formal and appropriate for academic writing. The information in the essay should be based on credible source material.

The paper must follow APA documentation guidelines, and must include an APA-formatted reference list, not your annotated bibliography from Task 1. Any sources that you cite in the paper must be included in the reference list, and any source in the reference list must also be cited within your paper. Please see Appendix B in the learning resource for directions on creating an APA-formatted reference list.

Note: An abstract is not required for this task, but including a title page is recommended.

Requirements:

- A. Write a cohesive, argumentative research paper (*suggested length of 10–15 pages*) in which you do the following:
 1. Provide an effective introduction.
 2. Provide an appropriate thesis statement that previews **two** to **four** main points.
 3. Develop *each* of the main points in effective paragraphs with support from a variety of sources.
 4. Provide an effective conclusion.
- B. Include *at least 7* academically credible sources in your essay.
 1. For your sources, include all in-text citations and references in APA format.

Note: For definitions of terms commonly used in the rubric, see the Rubric Terms web link included in the Evaluation Procedures section.

Note: When using sources to support ideas and elements in an assessment, the submission MUST include APA formatted in-text citations with a corresponding reference list for any direct quotes or paraphrasing. It is not necessary to list sources that were consulted if they have not been quoted or paraphrased in the text of the assessment.

Note: No more than a combined total of 30% of a submission can be directly quoted or closely paraphrased from outside sources, even if cited correctly. For tips on using APA style, please refer to the APA Handout web link included in the APA Guidelines section.

Web Links:

1. [APA Wizard](#)