

Home Maintenance Research Report

Product or Service

****NOTICE** NO LATE PAPERS WILL BE ACCEPTED **NOTICE****

_____ You are to research and plan some type of home repair, replacement installation or remodel project. This should be a project that has some relevance to you and your family. So I want you to ask the folks at home what do they think you should research. I want this to be a valuable lesson in home ownership and maintenance. The hope is that your research will possibly provide you and your folks with information to help with the choices and decisions that need to be made. Get your parent or guardians signature on evaluation sheet as proof of their acknowledgment and help for your research topic selection.

Pick something that is in need of replacement, repair or remodel. An example would be a water heater, a water softener, driveway, dishwasher, sink or water faucet, new lawn mower or snow thrower, deck, kitchen or bath remodel. Basically anything that is considered part of your home.

This is the topic of your research report. The following must be included in your research. Check with Mr. Barron before you start your research just to make sure that we are both thinking along the same lines of what is required of your work.

This is to be a research paper on products or services, NOT a "How to" paper. I do NOT want you to tell me how to do a task or project.

Inclusions for your paper

- A) Two advertisements, one from either a magazine or newspaper, the other can be from the internet. You are to use this to compare products or services.
- B) Information from a professional or a salesperson, dealing with your topic. (The yellow pages may be a good source for this) This is to include at least one rough estimate or quote of the cost to have the work done or purchase a product. Please tell them that this is a school project and just what you are doing.
- C) Shopping and research gathering trip is very much encouraged. Go shopping as if you were really going to purchase this, or have it done !!!!! Go see them, talk to a salesperson, get some literature or brochures to include with your report, or a quote to have the work done.

- D) Must contain information from the internet. The information should help you in making your decision as to which brand of product you want to purchase, or whether you will undertake the project on your own.
- E) Must have at least one illustration, picture or graphic dealing with the topic.
- F) Must be a minimum of 2 pages double spaced, 12 point font.
- G) Your title page must include name, date, course, instructor and topic of report.
- H) Your rough draft must be proof read by at least one adult and that person must sign and date the bottom of the paper. Please have the corrections made in red or blue so they can be scene easily.
- I) It must be saved on Somerset High's computer system or on your home computer system. (No excuses for lost information)
- J) This must be your work!!!!!!!!!!!! NOT just articles or information copied form the internet. The internets, magazines, books, interviews, brochures, shopping trips are your source of information. You are the author!
- k) You must include a bibliography as to where you got your information- An actual brochure or advertisement may be used but I need to know where it came from. (paper, magazine, internet address, store,)
- L) Interview your parent or guardian as to the need, want, and probability of your project or service project you selected.
- M) Include the reason you picked this as a topic to research.
- N) **Conclusion----- now** after researching this, what decisions would you make, what are your final recommendations that you would give. What were the major factors that lead you to choose the product or service you did?

ORDER OF EVENTS FOR REPORT

1. Search for a topic to research; if you presently do not have any idea.
2. Take a shopping trip to investigate your choices and selections and gather information
3. Look over your research and make some decisions about your topic
4. Write the rough draft.
5. Have an adult, parent or guardians proof read and make corrections or suggestions to improve the quality of your final work.
6. Make changes and corrections.
7. Compose final copy
8. Hand in **Final Copy/ Rough draft / and evaluation** sheet in this order

By: **(December 17, 2009)**

TIPS and HINTS for a Quality Paper

- * Explain the terms that are special to the topic
- * Do not use terms like (*very good or ok*) don't be general; be specific
- * Don't make a statement that will lead the reader to ask a question
- * Be able to support your research with facts and figures
- * Use no abbreviations
- * Contractions such as (don't) are not acceptable-- write out the full words
- * Do not use acronyms without explaining what they stand for the first time
- * Do not guess or use your opinion
- * Have a couple people read your rough draft and help you make corrections
- * Make sure all sentences make sense and are complete
- * Use the evaluation sheet to make sure you include all the parts that will be evaluated by Mr. Barron.
- * Do not use "I" in a formal paper
- * Do not ask questions of the reader.
- * Do NOT mention : This paper will:
In this paper you:
This paper is going to:

Name: _____

TOPIC: _____

Parents or Guardian acknowledgment: _____ date: _____

Home Maintenance Research Report Evaluation

POINTS POSSIBLE

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| 1. Topic was ok'ed by parents or guardian: (sheet signed above) | 2 | _____ |
| 2. Proof read corrections, and signature of adult on <u>rough draft</u> : | 6 | _____ |
| 3. Illustration or Graphic | 4 | _____ |
| 4. Minimum of 2 pages in length and proper format: | 4 | _____ |
| 5. Proper title page and information included: | 4 | _____ |
| 6. (Bibliography) Information properly cited; on its own page: | 2 | _____ |
| 7. Explanation or reason for selection of topic | 6 | _____ |
| 8. Parent or guardian help and input into topic and research | 4 | _____ |
| 9. Research information (brochure, information sheet, advertisements) | 8 | _____ |
| 10. Quality of Writing: Paper flows and is readable | 10 | _____ |
| 11. Comparison of Products or Service: (different price ranges) | 10 | _____ |
| 12. Final conclusion: What decisions did you come to: | 15 | _____ |
| 13. Contents and quality of the research, effort that went into this project | 25 | _____ |
| TOTAL POSSIBLE | 100 | _____ |

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