

## Research Paper Process Worksheet

Name of Assignment: \_\_\_\_\_

Paper Due Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Target 1<sup>st</sup> Draft Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Target 2<sup>nd</sup> Draft Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Citation Format (Circle one):      MLA              APA              Chicago

Important Assignment Notes (e.g. 4-5 pages, include 4 scholarly sources):

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Topic chosen for paper: \_\_\_\_\_

**Brainstorming Space:** Use this space to write down what you know about the topic. What are your assumptions before conducting research?

**Background Research Target Completion Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Gather basic facts about the topic. Try answering the following questions to help focus your research, and do not forget to note where the information was located.

- What is happening? \_\_\_\_\_
- How is it happening? \_\_\_\_\_
- Why is it happening? \_\_\_\_\_
- When is it happening? \_\_\_\_\_
- Why is it important? \_\_\_\_\_

**Log Online Sources:**

Useful Information	Title of Source	Name of Website

**Working Thesis/Research Question:** Create an opinion or well-developed question that you want to answer in the paper about the topic. Refer to the ACE [Creating a Thesis Statement](#) and [Thesis Templates](#) handouts for more information about how to write a thesis statement.

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**In-Depth Research Target Completion Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

What are some keywords that can be associated with your opinion or question? (Use these keywords as tools for searching the Germanna Library Databases)

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**Library Research Worksheet**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Author(s)</b>	<b>Resource Type</b> (i.e. book, online article, scholarly journal, newspaper)	<b>Publication Date</b>	<b>Summary of Information</b>

**Outline Target Completion Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I. Introduction**

A. Engage the Audience: \_\_\_\_\_

B. Background Information/Context:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Main Point 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Main Point 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Main Point 3: \_\_\_\_\_

C. Thesis: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

**II. Main Point 1:** \_\_\_\_\_

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

c. Conclusion: \_\_\_\_\_

**Transition:** \_\_\_\_\_

**III. Main Point 2:** \_\_\_\_\_

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

c. Conclusion: \_\_\_\_\_

**Transition:** \_\_\_\_\_

**IV. Main Point 3:** \_\_\_\_\_

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

c. Conclusion: \_\_\_\_\_

**V. Conclusion**

A. Rephrased Thesis: \_\_\_\_\_

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B. Summary of Body Paragraphs

Main Point 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Main Point 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Main Point 3: \_\_\_\_\_

C. So What? What Now? \_\_\_\_\_

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