Tips for Improving Your Research Paper

The first research paper packet gave you the requirements for this paper. It is not to be shorter than 3 FULL pages, and not more than 5. The Works Cited page is to be included at the end, but it doesn’t count in the page count.

So, what do you do if you don’t have enough for 3 pages? Find more examples of your hero’s actions that fit under your sub points.

What if you have over 5 pages? Cut out any repetition. Then start looking at your weakest paragraphs.

Use the Times Roman or Cambria font and 12 point for the entire paper, including the title. Don’t increase or decrease the spacing between the paragraphs.

How long should a quote be? No more than about two lines. If you have a longer quote, consider paraphrasing part of it.

If you have two short paragraphs that are arguing the same basic point, consider combining them.

Don’t forget to cite your source when you include information, even if it’s not a direct quote.

The first time you mention the name of your hero, use his/her full name. After that, shorten it to his/her last name.