**Research Paper Assignment/Rubric**

**One of the important assignments of the year will be to write a longer piece – a research paper of 3-4 pages (Not including cover page/references). You choose the topic), and we will try APA format for a change. You must have at least four sources (from reputable sources – not just Wikipedia), and the style should be formal (in third person).**

**This essay will allow you to demonstrate many outcomes: (Reading 5.1, Writing 8.1, 9.1, 9.2, 10.1,10.2,10.4)**

**To allow you to demonstrate Outcome 8.2 (***use note-making strategies to document experience and reconstruct knowledge by paraphrasing, summarizing, using notecards or note-making sheets),* **you should have some clear point-form notes**

**Content:**

1. Define a specific topic with a thesis statement that captures purpose and audience \_\_\_\_
2. Remain focused on the main idea, with original, thoughtful ideas \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. Develop ideas with supportive details and sustain focus \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Organization:**

1. Introduce with a compelling statement that informs purpose \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Include smooth paragraphs with fluid transitions \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. Impact the reader with an effective conclusion \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Sentence Structure:**

Try some different sentence lengths and beginnings \_\_\_\_\_\_

**Conventions:**

1. Use conventions skillfully to enhance meaning, voice, and readability \_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Use appropriate format to cite sources \_\_\_\_\_\_

**Word Choice:** Use interesting words and phrases \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Voice:** Use an appropriate tone for the task (stay formal) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_