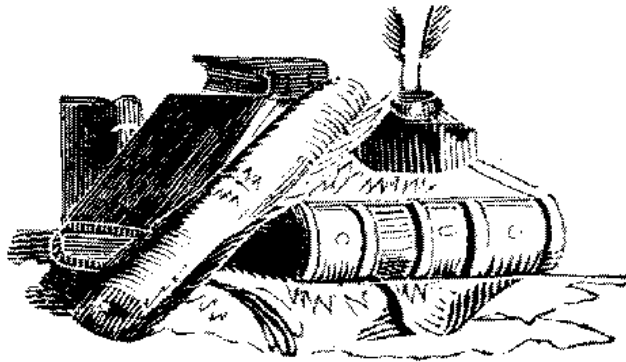


# WHS Research Project Guide

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# PREFACE

There are many reasons for conducting research: to determine your views on a given issue; to learn more about a topic that interests you; to develop greater understanding of an author, scientific process or time period. Research in turn develops analytic, critical, investigative, reading and writing skills.

This variety and complexity make writing a research paper one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of your high school career. But how will you locate and evaluate sources and take notes? How will you develop a thesis? How will you craft an argument from the evidence you've found, create an effective draft and revise to create your final paper? And how will you avoid plagiarism while making effective use of primary and secondary sources?

This guidebook is designed to make these tasks easier by providing a clear sequence of instructions and examples for steps in the research process. The standards in these pages will provide you with consistent guidelines for all of your research projects in the humanities at Weston High School, and we expect the guide will be a resource you return to throughout the process of preparing, writing and revising.

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