

Mr. Cole's Journal Make-up Assignment

Engineering Topic Research

You will choose any engineering topic, then write a short research paper about it. It must not be something that we've already done in class. You will research the topic using any credible source: Internet, magazine, newspaper, etc. Each complete and correct paper you turn in will make up one journal grade.

Process

- Choose an appropriate engineering or technology topic. If you are unsure that the topic is suitable, ask.
- Research your topic using at least 2 sources.
- Write a short research paper covering your topic IN YOUR WORDS. Your paper should be at least 12 complete sentences.
- Cite the sources you use. Your citation must include the following:
 - Author (who wrote it) – if you can't find the author, then you may leave this out
 - Name of the article – title at the top of the article or web page you're reading
 - Name of the publication – name of the web site, magazine, newspaper, etc.
 - Date it was published – if you can't find this, use the current date
 - Web address – if you're using a web site, include the exact address of the page you're reading
- Turn it in by the due date. The due date will be given to you

Recommendations and Hints

- Sentences must be complete, but they don't have to be long. Avoid long, run-on, compound sentences.
- Choose a topic that you like. Articles on phone technology, computers, electronics, video gaming, robotics, cars, and similar subjects are usually ok.
- I'm not picky about citation format, but you do need to include the required information. Use an online source like easybib.com for your citations. With these, you just enter the information and it does the formatting work for you.

Grading

- To receive credit, your paper will be graded using the criteria below.

Criteria	
Appropriate topic	10
Content of paper is complete, correct, and appropriate length	60
2 sources used, citations contain all required information	30
Total	100
Plagiarism, copy/paste	-100