# English Language Brunswick School Department Arts English IV Senior Research Paper

Essential Understandings	<ul> <li>Good researcher generate ideas, pose questions, as well as gather, evaluate and synthesize facts from a variety of sources.</li> </ul>
Essential Questions	<ul> <li>How does one find and evaluate evidence?</li> <li>How does one use facts to support a position?</li> <li>How does one avoid plagiarism?</li> <li>How does one collate information from a variety of sources?</li> <li>How does one apply MLA rules to a research paper?</li> </ul>
Essential Knowledge	<ul> <li>Writers use facts to support a position.</li> </ul>
Vocabulary	<ul> <li>Terms:         <ul> <li>parenthetical citation, works cited, primary and secondary sources, plagiarism, note cards, outlines, rough drafts, final drafts, working thesis and final thesis</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Essential Skills	<ul> <li>Select and limit an appropriate topic.</li> <li>Take notes using a minimum of three sources.</li> <li>Prepare an outline.</li> <li>Write a first draft. and works cited.</li> <li>Write a final draft and works cited.</li> </ul>

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	C. Research
	C1.Research
	Students develop research questions and modify them as
	necessary to elicit, present, and critique evidence fro ma variety
	of primary and secondary sources following the conventions of
	documentation.
	a. Select and apply research methods that are appropriate for
	the purpose of the inquiry.
	b. Make judgments about conflicting findings from different
	sources, incorporating findings from sources that are valid
	and refuting others.
	c. Synthesize information from varied sources and/or data
	gathered from fieldwork and interviews.
Related	d. Utilize media relevant to audience and purpose that extend
Maine Learning	and support oral, written, and visual communication.
Results	e. Create and present a coherent set of findings that integrates
	paraphrasing, quotations, and proper citation.
	f. Access and present information ethically and legally.
	D. Language
	D1.Grammar and Usage
	Students apply rhetorical skills when reading, writing, and
	speaking through their understanding of Standard American
	English.
	b. Use handbooks, style guides or other writing sources to
	confirm accuracy of Standard American English.
	D2.Mechanics
	Students demonstrate the use of the structures and
	conventions of Standard American English in their communication.
	a. Use appropriate punctuation, spelling and sentence and
	paragraph structure to suit purpose, situation, and audience.
Sample	Select an appropriate topic.
Lessons	Take notes on selected sources.
And	Create an outline using notes.
Activities	<ul> <li>Create a first draft and works cited using notes.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Write a final draft and works cited using notes.</li> </ul>
Sample	peer editing of drafts
Classroom	evaluation of note cards
Assessment	evaluation of outline
Methods	evaluation of final paper

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	Publications:
Sample	<ul> <li>MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers</li> </ul>
Resources	Other Resources:
	<ul> <li>Library Information Services</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Information from events attended and interviews conducted</li> </ul>