

# Persuasive Research Paper

Choose and research a vacation destination that seems interesting to you and present the information as a written essay.

## Essay Requirements

- Essay should be typed, double spaced with Times New Roman, size 12-font, 1-inch margins
- Essay should be written in complete sentences
- Essay must contain parenthetical citations following MLA format
- Essay must follow S+D+3R=Thesis format and will contain (I) an introduction (II) body paragraph 1 *with 3 sub-reasons* (III) body paragraph 2 *with 3 sub-reasons* (IV) body paragraph 3 *with 3 sub-reasons* (V) conclusion paragraph. A downloadable outline will be provided for assistance.
- Four sources are required (minimum, although more may be used).
  - One source must be a book or encyclopedia (Print)
  - One source must be the official tourism website (Web)
  - One source must be a periodical or news / journal article (Print)
  - One source must be an official tourism book (Print)
- Sources must be cited (both parenthetically and on a works cited page) according to MLA guidelines
- Vocabulary words (minimum of 5) must be incorporated and highlighted in your outline
- This assignment will be graded according to the 6+1 Traits of Writing (IDEAS, ORGANIZATION, VOICE, WORD CHOICE, SENTENCE FLUENCY, CONVENTIONS, PRESENTATION)
- Essay must meet all requirements described in rubric

## Research Presentation Requirements

- Presentation must be multi-modal—using some form of technology (e.g. writing, graphics, art, technology, music, pictures, video, etc.)
- Presentation must be 2-3 minutes in length
- Presentation will follow the organization laid out in the outline portion of the research process
- ...more information to follow...

## Timeline and Due Dates

(These are estimates and are subject to change.)  
You will receive 5 points for each deadline you meet.

Topic	_____	Formal Outline	_____
Preliminary Research	_____	Works Cited	_____
Thesis Statement	_____	Rough Draft	_____
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Sources	_____	Presentation	_____

# **Topic Commitment Form & Preliminary Research Worksheet**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

The topic I am interested in studying and researching is \_\_\_\_\_.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

*In order to gain an understanding of your topic, and to begin investigating your topic, answer these (and any other) questions:*

1. Why is this destination famous?
2. List 5 popular tourist attractions.
3. Describe the landscape of this destination. (e.g. city, hills, mountains, lakes, desert, etc.)
4. What are some famous current landmarks?
5. Describe some famous historical landmarks?
6. Are there any good / famous places to eat?
7. Are there any great ways to explore nature in this area?
8. List 3 things every tourist must do when they travel here.
9. Are there any famous people who live or are from here?
10. Are there any unique forms of transportation?
11. How do the natives of this area speak? (e.g. is there a unique accent or dialect?)
12. Describe the culture of this area.
13. Are there any symbols, images, or famous sayings particular to this destination?

## Topic Choices

### United States

- Hawaii
- Los Angeles
- Northeast United States
- Northwest United States
- Alaska
- North and South Carolina
- Georgia
- U. S. Virgin Islands
- San Francisco
- Southern California
- Florida
- New York City
- Washington D.C.
- New Orleans
- Las Vegas
- New England
- Bahamas
- Boston
- Arizona and Grand Canyon
- Northern California
- Chicago
- Tennessee
- Cape Cod / Nantucket / Martha's Vineyard
- Philadelphia
- Maui
- National Parks
- Yellowstone
- Yosemite
- Honolulu-Oahu
- Colorado
- Northern Michigan

### Foreign

- Costa Rica
- Rio de Janeiro
- Budapest
- London
- Hong Kong
- India
- South Africa
- Greece
- Switzerland
- Austria and Vienna
- Israel
- China
- Italy
- England
- France
- The Caribbean
- Spain
- Puerto Rico
- Ireland
- Paris
- Australia
- New Zealand
- Bermuda
- Europe
- Canada
- Brazil
- Cancun and the Riviera Maya
- Rome
- Japan
- Scotland
- Germany
- Czech Republic
- Mexico
- Egypt
- Beijing
- Argentina
- Portugal
- Moscow / St. Petersburg
- Venice
- Thailand