Research Paper

The purpose of your research paper is to give you enough information to begin designing an experiment as well as background information to help you understand why your experiment turns out the way it does (even if you don’t know what the results will be). The research report should be written from the third person perspective. **(No “I”)**

1. The research paper should include:

* The history of your topic and similar experiments or inventions
* Definitions of all important words and concepts that describe your topic (don’t list them, explain them when you use them)
* Mathematical formulas, if any, that you will need to describe the results of your experiment
* **It should be written in a narrative format**

1. For every fact or picture that you copy, you should put it in quotes and follow it with a citation telling the reader where you found the information. Be sure you understand and avoid **PLAGERISM**! Do not copy another person's work and call it your own. Always give credit where credit is due! A citation is just the name of the author and the date of the publication placed in parentheses like this: (Author, date). This is called parenthetical reference when using the **MLA** format. Its purpose is to document a source briefly, clearly, and accurately.

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1. You will be graded according to the following:

* Length (2-3 pages) size 12 Times New Roman font, double space, 1” margins
* Relevant and informative to your topic
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