

## Summer@CENS Research Paper Rubric

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Welcome to the Summer@CENS Writing Group. The purpose of this group is to work together to develop and cultivate your technical writing skills. To do this, we will be working on your summer project research paper together in manageable chunks.

You will be assigned to a writing group that will meet weekly. You are expected to produce 1-2 pages minimum of writing for each session – this submission does not have to be perfect as the point of a writing group is to help each other learn by reading/reviewing each other's work. Each person is expected to participate in the peer review and offer feedback based on his or her own unique perspective.

### Writing Group Meetings –

Group 1: Tuesdays at 9:00 – 10:00 AM

Group 2: Wednesdays at 9:00 – 10:00 AM

Each writing prompt is designed to get you to write and think in a technically creative and coherent way. The purpose of our time together is to translate these brilliant thoughts into a paper that reflects the technical challenges of your project and communicates this process in a scientific, objective and engaging fashion.

### Lab Report layout and style

Include:

- Abstract
- Background/Impact
- Research Question/Specific Goals
- Methodology/General Approach
- Initial Data and Results
- Discussion
- Conclusion/Further Work

Page count: 5-6 pages (max)

File format: PC formatted word (.doc) file (Word 97).

Page margins: 1" on all sides

Font: Arial, 10 point font

Line Spacing: Single spacing

Tables & Figures: Label and caption below each image.

Graphics: 250 dpi or better

Citation: MLA Format: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/MLA\\_style](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/MLA_style)

This final assignment is designed to pull together previous composition produced through your writing prompts and should not be something you are feverishly working on completing your final week. You will have the choice to include this written work in a CENS Manuscript that will be published post-program.

### Week 1 Prompt

### To be Peer Reviewed – Week 2 Session

1) What is your interpretation of your research area?

2) What do you expect to find/learn with regard to your research project?

## **ASSIGNMENT EXPECTATIONS**

You are not only accountable to yourself but to your writing group members. You are expected to bring a copy of your own assignment and to be prepared to provide constructive criticism for your group members' assignments. This latter skill will hone your ability to think more critically and globally about research issues and also outside of your specific project/field.

Revisions: Please revise your work weekly, based on comments & feedback, and turn them in (email or hand-in at group session).

Literature Review: Please compile 2-3 sources per week and caption the main points of each paper. Please email this list to Christine Lee each week.

If you are feeling stress or pressure at any time, please email Christine Lee! I am here to help and I want to help make it easier for you to express your work effectively. We can discuss your work or the assigned prompts/scheduling at any time.

