

PAPER #2 CHECKLIST

Please check before turning in your Final Draft! You can also have someone else read your paper and go through this checklist beforehand too, if you want.

CONTENT

- Did you explore all aspects of your topic as thoroughly as you could, within the limitations?
- Did you cover the origin and/or evolution of this myth?
- Did you use your research effectively to “bust” the myth and teach a more accurate understanding of the topic?
- Did your paper feature fresh, relevant and interesting information throughout?
- Did the paper arrive at some kind of satisfying final note? Does it feel complete?

RESEARCH

- Did you have (and use) at least 6 sources?
- Were all of your sources good ones, clearly credible and authoritative?
- Did the information taken from your sources clearly support and strengthen the overall paper?
- Did you remember to cite all information taken from your sources, even if it was in your own words?
- Did you remember to include the Works Cited page at the end of the paper?
- Were all of the sources on your Works Cited mentioned at least once in the paper? Was every source mentioned in the paper listed on your Works Cited?
- Did you incorporate quotes smoothly into your paper by providing context beforehand, weaving the words of your quote into your own sentences, and explaining the significance of the quote afterward?

ORGANIZATION

- Did you break your description up into organized “paragraph boxes” to make it easier to follow?
- Did you include a strong thesis statement somewhere near the beginning?
- Did each of your points build off of each other in a logical way, while always keeping focused on the main thesis?
- Was it easy to follow overall? Did it “flow” smoothly?

CLARITY

- Was all of your information clearly explained?
- Were you detailed enough when it was necessary?
- Did you avoid using overly complicated phrases or unnecessarily abstract wording?
- Did you clearly explain how the info taken from your sources help to support your main thesis?
- Did you avoid including information that was unnecessary, misleading or distracting?

STYLE

- Did you attempt to write creatively, using engaging and interesting language?
- Did you try to avoid repetitive or awkward words/phrases?
- Did you open your essay with an attention-grabbing hook?

GRAMMAR & MECHANICS

- Did you go through the paper & fix any spelling errors?
- Did you avoid incomplete sentence fragments or overly long run-on sentences?
- Did you punctuate your sentences correctly?

FOLLOWED INSTRUCTIONS

- Did you follow the instructions in the Paper #2 Guidelines?
- Did you actually attempt to debunk your myth?
- Did you properly format your paper in MLA format?
 - MLA heading?
 - Page numbers?
 - Title?
 - Times New Roman font?
 - 12 point size font?
 - Double spaced?
 - Paragraphs are all indented ½ inch?