

# The Research Project

*For the Graduation Project*

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- ❖ The paper is 15 to 18 pages in length.
- ❖ The paper is written to explore a very specific problem or topic outside of the school curriculum.
- ❖ The paper must be written in a specific format conforming to the PSSA Writing Rubric.
- ❖ The topic of the paper must be something in which you are interested and willing to spend a great deal of time researching.

# Examples of the Research Project

- ❖ A paper on how lawn chemicals are affecting the environment.
- ❖ A paper on how the political battles in Washington D.C. are impacting the Social Security system.
- ❖ A paper on why school systems should provide their students with greater freedom in choosing their course of study.
- ❖ A paper on how Columbia Borough could benefit from the construction of a commercial waterfront area.

# Unique Requirements

- ❖ This project requires the student to create a paper using the thesis form.
- ❖ There is no reflection paper due with this project.
- ❖ The student must use either APA or MLA format for the paper and adhere to the writing rubric provided.
- ❖ This project will require research from multiple sources and should be completed over a period of months.

# Summary

- ❖ This project is technically challenging but ideal for the student who has an interest in a subject outside of the school curriculum.
- ❖ This project is all about quality writing and proving a thesis. (good practice for college)
- ❖ The subject of the paper is fairly open but must be approved by your mentor.
- ❖ All the other components of the Graduation Project apply except the 3-5 page reflection paper.