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How to Write a Paper in 9th Grade Language Arts
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5th Hour

Creative Title of Essay with the Right Words Capitalized but Not Underlined

Here is my lead, right here, the very first sentence. It's original, creative, and it makes you want to read on. That is my name, up there in the corner. It says the assignment name and the date too. Notice that they are single-spaced and I spelled the date out all the way. I also included the hour I have Language Arts. Then, I skipped a line and gave my paper/essay a title. The title is centered and in bold. See how it stands out without that really obnoxious Word Art! I made sure to select a clean piece of computer paper or notebook paper. Additionally, the paper is not a wrinkled mess. Moreover, the paper is not from a spiral notebook, so it does not have that annoying fringe on the left side. I know that my teacher will accept papers/essays neatly written in blue or black pen or pencil (unless otherwise stated in the assignment). She also really appreciates it when I type my assignments.

This paper/essay is typed using Times New Roman and size 12 font. I realize that making the font huge will not fool Mrs. Bertolini, because she is not an idiot. My writing is double-spaced (which I did in the Microsoft Word program by selecting Format: Paragraph: Line spacing: Double from the pull down menu). I have indented (by hitting the tab key once) at the start of each and every new paragraph. If I hand wrote the paper/essay, I used two fingers to determine how far I should indent before I start writing. I have not skipped lines between paragraphs. Every paper/essay has 5 clearly indented paragraphs. Each of my paragraphs has at least 5 sentences. Each of my sentences has clear and proper end punctuation. I have used either a period, exclamation point or

question mark. I also made sure that I clearly capitalized the word at the beginning of each sentence.

I also have not used any of the lame excuses for words that I have learned because I spend too much time instant messaging my friends. There is no “LOL” or “BRB” or “w/” or “b/c”. There is also no “cuz” or “‘cause” or “&”, because I know that those abbreviations aren’t right for a formal paper/essay, and they drive my teacher nuts. All papers/essays written for school purposes are considered formal.

I read this paper/essay at least twice. I spell checked this paper/essay, and I paid attention while I was doing it, instead of just clicking “change” over and over again. That is why the correct words are used. It doesn’t say “hear” when I meant “here” or “write” when I meant “right.” I used the proper form of such words as “there”, “their” and “they’re”. If I was unsure of which word to use, I made the effort to look it up in a dictionary or thesaurus. Another solution to this problem, would be to ask someone for further advice.

Because I paid such careful attention to the way my paper/essay is formatted and I edited properly, my grade will be higher. That’s a very good thing. Additionally, it will show my teacher that I take pride in my work. Another very good thing! All of this will help me to improve my writing and prepare me for college preparatory exams and beyond!