

# Writing a Research Paper

2011-2012 Webworks

First Semester, 18 Weeks

½ High School English Credit

## Course Tutor:

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## Course Description:

This course is designed to teach the student how to write a research paper according to MLA specifications. For many students this is a daunting task, but it doesn't have to be! The goal of this class is to give the students the necessary information to confidently approach writing a research paper for high school and college without fear. Some of the topics covered include selecting a topic, researching information, organizing data, writing a rough draft, and polishing contents. Over the course of the class, the students will be guided through writing one MLA research paper.

## Course Notes:

None

## Course Prerequisites:

None

## Required Texts:

*MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers*, Seventh Edition, by Joseph Gibaldi ISBN# 9781603290241

## Required Supplies:

3-ring binder (1" or 2" will be adequate)

Tab dividers (wait to set up until instructions are given on the first day of class)

## Tutor Bio:

Wanda Burdick and her husband Jeff, own a thriving Home School Center in the Lansing, Michigan area, called Teenworks. It has been in operation for 28 years. Jeff and Wanda currently operate

**HomeSchoolWorks** [www.homeschoolworks4u.com](http://www.homeschoolworks4u.com) , which includes **Webworks** online classes for Jr. High and Sr. High students.

Wanda has been an English teacher and a speech and debate coach, for 30 years in both the traditional school setting as well as the home school community. She currently teaches English, psychology and speech /debate to many students across America via their program **Webworks** and to their local home school group in Wesley, Iowa. She has authored several literature guides and *The Mini Manual for Distance Learning*.

She and Jeff home schooled their children and now all eight of their grandchildren are being home schooled. Recently, the Burdicks moved to Iowa to be closer to their family and grandchildren. Jeff and Wanda live in Wesley, Iowa and operate a family dairy farm *in their spare time*.