

Research Projects Made Easy

With the flooding amount of technology available to our youth, it is imperative for teachers to use those technological resources to their advantage. As a high school English teacher, it seems harder and harder to encourage students to stop reading the little screen in their hands and start reading the novel or article collecting dust on their desks. As a result, adapting to this borderline addiction to technology seems to be one of the only ways to keep students reading things other than their Twitter newsfeed.

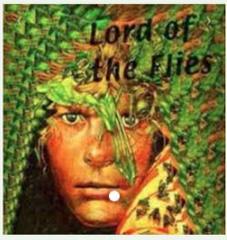
LibGuides are a tool to use when asking students to conduct research, because not only do they encourage students to read new material, but they also support students in using resources beyond their beloved Lord Google. A LibGuide is simply a technological way to present a research project to students. Instead of handouts and the usual boredom associated with assignments presented in such a manner, LibGuides present research projects to students in a web-based method. Sit a class of youthful scholars in front of computer screens and watch 100 percent engagement ensue.

The word “research” can be quite intimidating to many students, but LibGuides make a research project seem more manageable. Students have numerous helpful links that will conduct them through reliable research, all in a one-page web format. A LibGuide is jam packed with everything students will need: project parameters, rubrics, how to create a citation page, database search tools, etc. It helps steer students away from their adored World Wide Web and into what they still deem resources that are approachable and user-friendly.

Below is an example of a LibGuide used for a research project associated with William Golding’s *Lord of the Flies*. In this small glimpse, it is clear to see that the project details are readily accessible (no more, “My dog ate my paper,” excuses), reliable databases are presented in an easy to use manner (goodbye, Wikipedia), and many more resources are available to make students more excited to read and research the novel (oh, the power of YouTube videos). LibGuides have awakened many technologically crazed students to the fascinating world of research. It is safe to say, while using LibGuides, students are moving away from reading the small screen in their hands to reading the larger screen on their desk; technology filled with academia.

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Books



Dr. Franklin's Island by Ann Halam
Call Number: F HAL Science Fiction
ISBN: 038573008X
Publication Date: 2002-05-14
When their plane crashes over the Pacific Ocean, three science students are left stranded on a tropical island and then imprisoned by a doctor who is performing horrifying experiments on humans involving the transfer of animal genes.

Assignment

Assignment	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Group 5	Group 6
Group 7	Group 8	Rubric	Close Box			

Lord of the Flies
William Golding
Research Project

- Research your group's topic using RELIABLE sources.**
 - Each group member should research a DIFFERENT aspect of your topic.
 - Find facts and pictures to go along with your research.
 - Keep notes about your research in an Easy Bib document or a Word document.
 - Be an expert on your topic!
- Create a PowerPoint presentation about your topic.**

Items to include:

 - A title slide with the topic and group member's names listed.
 - A second slide with general information about your topic (Hint: Use the sentence(s) introducing what your group is researching on the pages that follow this information.).
 - 5-10 informational slides with bullet points containing your research.
 - Note: Use the 7x7 rule—7 lines per slide and 7 words per line—in other words, don't make the slides too wordy.
 - Pictures on almost every slide.
 - A Works Cited slide(s) in correct MLA format!
 - This includes making the list in alphabetical order.
- Present your PowerPoint to the class in a 5-8 minute mini-lesson.**
 - Each group member needs to speak.

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G.V. R.I.L. RESEARCH MATTERS.
Search Resource

Discovery Streaming
Video and Resources

STUDENT RESOURCES IN CONTEXT
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Frankenstein Resources

Books Audiobook Video



Novels for Students vols. 2 and 36 by Diane Telgen (Editor)
Call Number: 809.3NOV
ISBN: 9780787616878
Publication Date: 1997 and 2011



Lord of the Flies by Andy Koopmans
Call Number: 823KOO
ISBN: 1560067861



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