

Done at the end of the entire process, after the final draft has been submitted

RESEARCH PROJECT EVALUATION

Consider these questions for our all program discussion as well as for your self-evaluation:

1. Overall, how well does your final draft fulfill your goals? Do you think it gives a reader a good understanding of your stated argument? Does it provide the evidence necessary for the reader to evaluate your position?
2. What new insights did you develop about your topic from your research and analysis? In what sense is your paper more than the sum of your sources? What is it that your paper adds to the sources from which it draws?
3. What do you like best about your paper?
4. Where do you think it still needs work? If you had more time, what would you add or change?
5. How do you assess your paper as a piece of writing? Is it reader-friendly? Does the introduction give the reader a good sense of what the paper is about? Is your development clear? Your argument? Does your conclusion bring the reader to some sense of accomplishment and closure?
6. Is it a good piece of craftsmanship? Is it well structured, carefully edited, cleanly presented? Is the bibliography accurately assembled?
7. Do you think it is a better paper (and presentation) than you could have done by yourself? How? If not, why not?
8. Did the group manage its task well? Did you get early agreement on the focus, argument, and structure of the research? Did the group set a timeline and stick to it?
9. What was the most difficult part of group work for you? What was the best part? What was your role in the group? Were you a productive member?
10. What would you do differently next time?