

### Graduation Project Research Paper Reflection

Type your reflections or use blue or black ink. Answer each question in complete sentences and use correct grammar.

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1. Describe the reason you chose your selected topic and how you narrowed that topic down. I chose my topic of colorism and discrimination in the African-American community because it's something I've always been interested in! There are a lot of emotional, physical, cognitive, behavioral, and psychological aspects to all sorts of discrimination. Once I decided that I wanted to write about discrimination, I had to narrow it down to one specific type. This was the hard part. I decided to do colorism because it's sort of the "unknown -ism of America". The whole point to writing about colorism was to educate a lot of people on a topic they would've otherwise never heard of.
2. Describe the problems you had picking the topic or why it was easy to pick the topic. My topic was very easy to pick. The African-American community's problems are a topic that I've always been well-educated on. It was only natural that I do my Graduation Project on it.
3. Describe the time you spent researching for your paper. I spent most of my time at home researching. At school, I would actually write and revise my paper. My homework every day from English was to research.
4. Describe the ease or difficulty you had in finding sources. Before I even researching, I had thought that it was going to be really difficult to find reliable sources on colorism. I was very wrong! There were numerous articles, magazines, and books at our local library that gave me a lot of useable information!
5. What kind of sources did you find? I found online articles, hardcopy books, articles taken from magazines, posts people made regarding colorism, and videos on YouTube and other social media sites.
6. Discuss your note taking process. (Source Notes) For my source notes, I would correctly cite my source using MLA format, then I would write a short summary of the source. Also, I would list how and why it could help me with my paper.

7. Describe what you found to be hard about writing the paper, explaining the challenges and successes. One of the main problems I had with writing my paper was fluid transitions between each idea and correctly putting in my in-text citations.
8. Discuss what lessons you learned in regards to time management, problem solving, organization, responsibility, etc. I learned that organization is the best way to plan a paper. Organizing ideas, sources, and revisions will help you a lot! I also learned that getting other people to revise your paper is a good way to expose mistakes that would otherwise remain undetected.
9. Discuss how you will use these lessons when you complete your product. With everything I've learned while writing my paper, I'll be successful while completing my product. Time management, organization, and the acceptance of constructive criticism will keep me on the right track.