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Final paper guidelines and template

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* You already submitted a paper outline assignment, so you could use *that* document as your template to build out the final paper
* If you use this document as a template, remember to copy in your prior work from the outline submission. Then make the needed improvements and adjustments based on feedback and your additional research.
* This document reminds you of some basics and the sections you should have
* Your final paper document should have helpful filename.
e.g., STUDENTNAME PAPERTOPIC 2024-xx-xx.docx (use current date)

e.g. Smith John Cybersecurity Laws 2024-8-12.docx

* You may download and save this document to your computer.
* Follow more detailed instructions as laid out in class and here:
	+ <https://johnbandler.com/final-paper-assignment/>
	+ <https://johnbandler.com/final-paper-project/>
	+ <https://johnbandler.com/helpful-legal-links/>
* Put in effort, have some fun, learn through the process.
* Confused or questions? Ask in class, email me prior, or include at the end with your submission. Above all, do your best, remember the goal of this assignment is your effort and learning.
* Your final paper should be well proofread and polished.
* Remove all instructions prior to submitting.
* Clean up all footers, placeholders, etc.
* Do not include a table of contents, executive summary, or abstract.
* Make sure you have the references section and student reflection section.

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STUDENT NAME

DATE OF SUBMISSION

COURSE NUMBER

**The Title of the Paper**

*Use Title Caps. DON’T USE ALL CAPS.*

*Work from the paper title submitted with your outline.*

*Then, improve it as needed. Incorporate feedback.*

*A wonderful, crisp title that informs the reader about what the paper is about*

*Be clear and direct. Communicate clearly. Don’t be overly clever or cute.*

**1. Introduction**

*This is your first point in the outline, your first section of the paper*

*First paragraph of introduction*

* *This is the paragraph you have been working on all semester.*
* *See prior instructions for this single paragraph to introduce your paper.*
* *Do not introduce or summarize broad concepts, such as the Internet, cybercrime, etc.*
* *Your introduction can have a hint of conclusion, now that you know better where your paper is going.*

*Additional introduction paragraphs as needed.*

*Avoid getting into too many details or citations in the introduction.*

**2. Section header (that you create)**

*This section header corresponds to your outline’s bullet point, improved as needed.*

*This section should be about law.*

*Text of this section*

*Footnote citations preferred.[[1]](#footnote-1)*

**3. Section header**

*Another point on law?*

*Text of this section*

**4. Section header**

*Text of this section*

**x. Another section header if needed**

*Replace the “x” with the appropriate number of this section*

*Text of this section*

*Remember, your paper should have 5-7 main points.*

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**x. Conclusion**

*Replace the “x” with the appropriate number of this section*

*Text of this section*

*Don’t cover new ground in the conclusion.*

*Conclude your paper.*

**References:**

*List all the relevant references you have reviewed in your research.*

*Consider starting with the highest priority authorities (e.g., U.S. Constitution).*

*List references even if you already properly cited them within the paper.*

*Include all relevant prior references from prior submissions.*

*Delete any references which were not relevant.*

*Your research should have started with materials on our syllabus, then expanded from there.*

*Make sure you have read the references you listed.*

*Make sure the citations allow the reader to find what you cited.*

*Check your citation form here and within the paper.*

*See my link on citations at* [*https://johnbandler.com/guide-citations-references/*](https://johnbandler.com/guide-citations-references/)

*List relevant laws, regulations, and cases.*

**Student reflection, comments, and questions**

Answer these prompts, spending at least a few minutes on each.

1. List any and all consultations with the *school library*, including date, time, person consulted, how it went.

2. List any and all consultations with the *school writing center*, including date, time, person consulted, how it went.

3. How did this final paper submission go for you? How has the overall process gone for you over the semester?

4. Did you read the instructions at <https://johnbandler.com/final-paper-assignment/>

 and did it help?

5. Did you watch the instruction video found at the bottom of that webpage and did it help?

1. This is an example of a footnote citation. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)