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**Class-generated Checklist of Things to Remember for Final Research Paper Draft**

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- avoid using “this” or other vague words to start a sentence
- include thesis and “so what?” statements
- use quotation guide to ensure correct use and incorporation of quotations
- cite all sources (follow MLA parenthetical citation rules in Hacker book)
- explain frame (theory) texts in paragraph(s) after the thesis paragraph
- use discussion case texts to further your ideas
- check all spelling and grammar
- ensure smooth transitions between paragraphs
- do not go from example to example to example in your analysis
- avoid the phrase “in conclusion” when you get to the final paragraph; rather, the final paragraph should be a natural extension of the discussion and address the topic of the “so what?” statement
- use no less than 8 sources, 2 of which are frame texts
- be clear with author’s theories and ideas
- meet page requirements (11 – 15 pages for final draft)
- 1” margins all around, Times New Roman font 12
- provide a needed background information on authors and texts prior to thesis paragraph
- make sure Works Cited list is in accordance with MLA guidelines
- take risks in your discussion
- stay on topic
- introduce all texts and quotations
- avoid ending a paragraph with an unexplained quotation
- use the long introduction format
- be sure that you are using frame theories to analyze primary case texts