Term Paper Tips

Proofread

BE PRECISE

DO NOT USE contractions

Headings ROCK!
Subheadings too.

CITE PROPERLY
DO NOT USE (MANY) QUOTES

Proofread AGAIN

Use Figures Where appropriate

USE MORE CITATIONS

IT'S FOR THE GOOD OF THE INDIVIDUAL, NOT THE GOOD OF THE SPECIES

cite EVERYTHING
Do’s and Don’t for Term Papers

1. DO follow citation format rules STRICTLY. Anything not properly cited is basically meaningless and graded as such.

2. DO NOT use phrasing such as “This is”, “There are”, or “It is”. Such phrasing is bad grammar and tends to make for long sentences. BE CONCISE!

3. DO show evidence of a well-organized outline in your paper, with transition sentences that show a change of subtopic, and statements that ‘outline’ what is to come.

4. DO NOT make unsupported statements.

5. DO NOT make ‘for the good of the species’ statements. NS works at the level of the individual.

6. DON’T use contractions.

IMPORTANT NOTE!!

To get credit for your term paper, you MUST turn in:

1. Hard copy of final draft by Tuesday, December 4th.

2. Electronic copy of final draft submitted to Dr. Papaj by email. Put “final draft” in subject header.

3. Hard copy of your second draft with our comments.

4. Your outline in hard copy (revised if appropriate).

5. Anything else we might ask you for (pdfs, etc.).