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 English 12/Culture & Literature

**Culture & Literature**

**Research Paper Steps**

Follow these steps before writing your research paper. Each step will count as a homework grade. When you have completed the entire sheet, the points will be tallied and counted as a quiz grade.

**\*Topic selection**

My topic will be: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ /10pts

**\*Research question**

Create a question which will inform your research and write it below.

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**\*Thesis (Draft)**

Your thesis should be ONE sentence which answers your research question.

A strong thesis is DEBATABLE and EXPANDABLE. You will be able to alter \_\_\_\_\_/20pts

your thesis as you write your essay.

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**Research Sources and Notes**

Notes from one print or print equivalent source (book, magazine, newspaper) \_\_\_\_\_/5pts

Properly cited on a separate sheet (or attached print out from easybib.com) \_\_\_\_\_/5pts

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**Outline**

Ideas for a minimum of four paragraphs \_\_\_\_\_/20pts

Explanation of what will go in each paragraph \_\_\_\_\_/10pts

 TOTAL: \_\_\_\_\_/100pts

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**SAMPLE TOPICS, RESEARCH QUESTIONS, THESIS STATEMENTS, AND OUTLINES**

**Topic**: *Twilight*

**Research** **Question**: Does the *Twilight* series provide good role models for girls?

**Thesis**: The *Twilight* series perpetuates outdated and troubling gender stereotypes which harm girls.

**Topic**: the portrayal of Asian Americans on TV and in film

**Research** **Question**: How are Asian Americans portrayed on TV and film?

**Thesis**: Although they have played and continue to play an integral role in multicultural America, the mainstream news and mass media have been slow to recognize Asian-Americans as individuals rather than stereotypes.

**Outline**:

1. Stereotypes

-exotic woman, “China doll,” less intelligent, incapable of logic

1. Asian Americans as comic relief

-overplayed accents, physical comedy

-*Sixteen Candles, Breakfast at Tiffany’s*

1. Recent caricatures of Asian Americans

-“How I Met Your Mother”

1. Asian Americans as martial arts experts

-*The Karate Kid, Kill Bill*

1. Asian Americans as portrayed by the news media

-VirginiaTech shooting

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**OUTLINE**

Write your thesis statement on the line below. Beneath it, write the topics of each paragraph that will support your thesis. Then note the supporting information that will go in each paragraph. (See example given to you.)

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