

## Sample Contract Outline, Social Sciences

**The project goal or focus:** I will write a 10-page research paper on the experience of Middle Eastern refugees, working to better understand the inequality these refugees face when they get to a host country that is supposed to be a safer and better place to live in.

**My project outcomes:** To examine how individuals of various age groups respond to societal norms and how these norms impact them in a different country than the one they used to live in. I am particularly interested in gaining a comprehensive understanding of the internal sociocultural, economic, and political factors that influence their social standing upon their return to their home country and in the host country that they live in. The outcome of this project is to learn more about these refugees and understand how we can help them better and educate others on their experience.

**For my project method:** To use the library research method to do a 10-page research paper based on analyzing TED talks and reviewing six articles written by Middle Eastern refugees who have gone through the struggles of being a refugee in a host country. My teacher will help me identify appropriate material to research.

**My project process, timeline, and due dates:** To thoroughly examine existing literature, documents, and various information sources to collect comprehensive facts and gain valuable insights into the Middle Eastern refugees' experiences and the inequality they encounter in their host country. I will finish this 10-page research paper by the end of the term in December. I will write half a page each day and meet my teacher every other week online or in person and email him once each week to update him and discuss my research with him.

- Week 1-2: choose topic and project, complete contract proposal form.
- Week 3-4: conduct research online/ library and identify and cite a minimum of five sources following ASA format.
- Week 5-6: read literature, write an outline of the paper, draft the thesis statement, create a reference page, search for additional sources.
- Week 7-10: work on writing a draft of paper (5-10 pages total).
- Week 11-12: complete paper draft (10+ pages) within text citations and reference page.
- Week 13-14: edit paper draft, meet with a writing tutor and incorporate feedback, write paper abstract.
- Week 15-16: finalize paper incorporating edits, additional sources and feedback. Prepare paper for distribution and/or conference presentation.