Glossary of Research Terms
English III

1. bibliography  a list of books and periodicals

2. bibliography, annotated  a list of books and periodicals, along with a summary of information contained in each source listed

3. bibliography card  a card on which the bibliography information for a single source is recorded; includes title, author, and publishing information

4. documentation  a means of crediting sources used in a research paper

5. ed.  editor, edited

6. graphic  maps, illustrations, lists, pictures used to support the research (one graphic may be used per minimum number of pages/does not count toward the page count.)

7. internal citation  documentation placed inside parentheses within the text of the paper; credits sources of ideas and quotations appearing inside parentheses

8. MLA  abbreviation for Modern Language Association

9. N. pag.  No page

10. n. d.  no date; publication date not given

11. N. p.  no place

12. n. p.  no publisher

13. note, paraphrase  a note in which the researcher rewords and simplifies material but maintains about the same length as the source

14. note, partial quotation  a note which includes some words or phrases quoted directly from the source, with quoted parts being enclosed in quotation marks

15. note, quotation  a note made up of words, phrases, or sentences quoted from the source; a note enclosed entirely in quotation marks

16. note card  a card on which a researcher records information found in primary or secondary sources, which is used to support the thesis of a research paper

17. outline, working  an informal outline which changes as a researcher works; guides selection of sources
18. **outline, formal**  a final outline complete with the thesis statement, content of the paper, and the paper’s organization; used for writing the research paper

19. **parallelism**  the repeating of phrases or sentences that are similar (parallel) in meaning and structure

20. **parenthetical documentation**  documentation placed inside parentheses within the text of the paper; credits sources of ideas and quotations appearing inside parentheses

21. **plagiarism**  using someone else’s words or ideas without acknowledgment

22. **Power Library**  a search system to access a wide assortment of libraries including the York County Library System

23. **primary source**  original references that are contemporary to a researcher’s subject; firsthand materials, like a book, interview, survey response, letter, etc.

24. **quotation, extended**  more than four lines of typed text which should be set off from the main text of the paper

25. **secondary source**  not an original text or document, but someone’s comments on or analysis of a primary source

26. **sic**  thus; used (in brackets) after an error in a passage, to make clear that the original was copied accurately

27. **slug**  the heading on a note card that corresponds to a heading on the working outline

28. **statement of purpose**  a sentence that clarifies the reason for developing the thesis: to compare, to contrast, to explain, to persuade, to evaluate, to analyze, etc. (on cover page only.)

29. **thesis statement**  a statement that answers the research question, which guided the research, and indicates the precise contents of the paper

30. **topic**  the narrowed subject of the paper

31. **works cited page**  the page(s) at the end of a paper which lists alphabetically the sources from which the writer used information to develop the thesis