

**First-Year Seminar -- Wilson Section**  
Research Paper Topics (due August 28, 2015)

Please use this form for the first draft of your research paper topic, and to begin to collect the appropriate references. Next Wednesday (September 2) we meet with our FYS librarian (Zach Sharrow) for help gathering resources. On Friday, September 4, I will produce a list of all the topics and their student researchers for the class. Please fill in the form below and return it to me by **Friday morning** (August 28) in class.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Research Paper Topic:** (As specific as possible. For example: “The Betty and Barney Hill Alien Abduction Case: A Remembered Fantasy?” See examples on the next page.)

**Three References:** Specific citations in this general format:

Black Ops. July 25, 2015. Astronomer Demonstrates Why NASA Pluto Images Are a Hoax. <http://chemtrailsplanet.net/2015/07/25/astronomer-demonstrates-why-nasa-pluto-images-are-a-hoax/> Accessed August 25, 2015.

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Nogueira, F. 2015. Myths about Nutrition. *Skeptical Briefs* 25.1.  
[http://www.csicop.org/sb/show/myths\\_about\\_nutrition/](http://www.csicop.org/sb/show/myths_about_nutrition/) Accessed August 25, 2015.

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## Student Paper Topics from 2011 (Examples for you. Yours must be different.)

Illuminati symbolism

Why global warming isn't just some political ruse to assert power

Hollow Earth theories

Why the Mayan prophecies for 2012 are interpreted incorrectly

Who really killed JFK -- Why Oswald may have been innocent

Nibiru

Palmistry

Crop circles: Man's invention or an alien attempt to communicate?

Modern witchcraft: good vs. evil or nonsense?

What was the government's involvement in 9/11?

Bill Clinton's success was not a body count

The Bermuda Triangle

The Kecksburg UFO incident

Masonic symbols and American currency

Magicians and the paranormal

Scientology