

## Research Paper

Using your annotated bibliography, write a 5-7 page (double spaced) research paper that reconciles an inconsistency in metal music and culture. Your paper should include the following elements:

1. Introduction: The introduction should provide background information on the topic (explain what the inconsistency is). You should also introduce your thesis statement within the introduction. Remember that a good thesis is arguable, specific, and can be demonstrated with evidence from sources.
2. Body: Use your annotated bibliography to build your essay around points that help demonstrate your thesis statement. Paraphrase your sources to provide evidence of your claims with proper in-text APA citation. Avoid direct quotations unless the exact wording of the author is extremely important. Remember that each paragraph should have a topic sentence that serves as a "mini-thesis" that explains what you will argue in that paragraph. Use transitions effectively and be mindful of style, sentence structure, and how the paper flows together.
3. Conclusion: Review and synthesize your paper's main points and explain how your examples fit together to support your thesis. Discuss the implications of your findings.
4. Add a title that summarizes the main idea or ideas of your paper.
5. Reference list: All references and in-text citations should be in [APA format](#). At least 2 of the 5 sources must be scholarly (published in a peer-reviewed journal).

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