

# The GPOAT

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# The Paper

- Choose a general topic.
- Formulate an opinion and position on the topic.
- Write a general, defensible claim from your topic.
- Make sure your topic is beefy enough for substantial research.
- Obtain Frosty-Pooh's approval before proceeding.



# What Frost will Need for Approval

- General Topic: Frisbee Golf
- My Position/Opinion: Frisbee Golf is the best sport
- Claim: Frisbee Golf is more physically demanding than basketball, football or volleyball.
- Research Plan: 2-3 sentences summarizing preliminary research. *You DO NOT need concrete sources at this stage*...However, ultimately, you will need a minimum of 5 sources.
  - 2 x Internet (.com, .org, .edu)
  - 1 x Academic Journal/Academic Article (Usually a PDF)
  - 2 x Print Sources (Book, Magazine, e-book, etc.)



# 1 Page Abstract

- Once your topic is approved, you will begin compiling notes and preliminary research to support and defend your claim. This research should not be extremely in-depth, and serves to ensure you have “enough meat” to really dive into your topic.
- Once you are confident your topic is sustainable enough to work with (and can meet the research requirements), you must produce a 1 page Abstract.



# 1 Page Abstract

- MLA Format w/header.
- No more than 1 full page, and no less than  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a page.
- Informal writing (personal pronouns are permitted).
- Abstract should explicitly explain the claim that you are making, and where you intend to “go” with your research.
- Ex. I intend to explore the physical demands of Frisbee Golf by exploring the training regiment, nutrition habits, and daily routines of professional and amateur players. Through my preliminary research, I have concluded that Frisbee Golf is more physically demanding than basketball, football or volleyball. I will compare and contrast the training regiments, nutritional habits and daily routines of professional and amateur athletes to support the idea that Frisbee Golf is more physically demanding than “traditional” sports. During the course of my research, I intend to rely heavily on the Professional Frisbee/Disc Golf Association to compile my data, as well as conducting interviews and research of my own with athletes around school. I believe that Frisbee Golf is highly overlooked and players should be recognized at the national and international levels in the future. Proving that the sport is just as physically grueling as other sports, will help to make this case...