

The Ten Commandments of Writing Papers

perhaps divinely transmitted to Ned Gallagher atop Mount Sinai

1. Thou shalt not neglect to put your name on the paper.
2. Thou shalt not underline, italicize, or put in quotes your own paper title.
3. Thou shalt not justify the right margin of your text.
4. Thou shalt not type two spaces between sentences. (This is barbarism!)
5. Thou shalt not place periods or commas outside closing quotation marks.
6. Thou shalt not use underlining when italics or boldface is an option.
7. Thou shalt not write an essay without a clear thesis statement.
8. Thou shalt not fail to proofread one's final draft.
9. Thou shalt not forget to include the Honor Code pledge.
10. Thou shalt not submit a paper via Google Docs. (PDFs only, please!)