

Ideas for Term Papers

I can provide additional resources for investigating most of these topics. Please see me if you want help identifying resources.

Investigate psi experiments on the web. (See [Online experiments you can try](#))

Investigate remote viewing organizations and /or websites – good and bad! Some examples:

[Remote Viewing Instructional Services, Inc.](#)

[PsiTech](#)

[International Remote Viewing Association](#)

[The Farsight Institute](#)

Remote viewing and archaeology – including discoveries allegedly made using remote viewing. (See “books and research papers” by [Stephan A. Schwartz.](#))

Randomized controlled experiments on distant healing and prayer.

The history and current status of Spiritualism (a religious movement popular in the 1800s, focused on contact with deceased individuals)

The Global Consciousness Project - explanation and review of results ([link to site](#))

Quantitative methods for investigating alleged haunted sites.

Investigation of “physical mediums” and how to detect fraud.

How to investigate survival after death.

Investigation of “near death” experiences.

A report on the history and current activities of one of the active laboratories. (See [links.](#))

Educational opportunities in parapsychology.

Physical correlates with good remote viewing, such as Local Sidereal Time (LST) – see paper by Spottiswoode linked to the "online reading material" on the class webpage.

Report on the cases in the book “Phantasms of the Living” – an early collection of case studies. (Book is in Shields Library.)

Philosophical implications if psi is real.

Psi and modern physics – compatible or contradictory?

Lucid dreaming (see [The Lucidity Institute](#) home page)

The 1995 review of the U.S. Government remote viewing program - see links to papers by Utts, Hyman and May linked to the "online reading material" on the class webpage.

Choose someone from the history of parapsychology and write a biographical report.

Some possibilities are:

- Joseph B. Rhine (parapsychologist)
- Louisa Rhine (parapsychologist; wife of J.B. Rhine)
- Edgar Cayce (“the sleeping prophet” – alleged abilities included prescribing successful medical treatments)
- Eileen Garrett (alleged talented psychic; investigated by numerous scientists)
- Daniel D. Home (alleged to do all kinds of physical manifestations, including levitation)
- Eusapia Palladino (physical “medium” – frequently caught cheating)

Psi and animals. (See [Rupert Sheldrake's home page.](#))