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English 101
Research Essay

First, please follow the model distributed in class. Follow the headings and format, using MLA format at all times. Use our course website to help you locate links that discuss MLA and research paper formats.

You will encounter many courses that require “research-type” essays. This assignment is designed to introduce you to one way to conduct research on a topic and then re-present the information. We will go over three parts of the research essay: research plan, annotated bibliography, and the essay itself.

Research Plan:

The research plan maybe an outline (if you use an outline for your research plan, you must follow MLA guidelines) or maybe it is a page of text that outlines what you plan to research, where you plan to look, and how you plan to write it, making the argument clear and presenting preliminary evidence, opinions, etc. The day this plan is due you must have a 1-page outline or a 1-page single-spaced essay that addresses the questions I listed above. Yes, it must be one full page (not $\frac{3}{4}$ a page or $\frac{1}{2}$ page or 6 pages). And, it must follow all MLA guidelines.

Annotated Bibliography:

The bibliography will most likely be a large part of your works cited page. Your bibliography should contain at least 10 sources (no more than 3 maybe Internet sources). Annotated means that you will put an entry in MLA format then write a 5-10 sentence description/evaluation of the source. Again, check MLA (and listen in class) for proper format and guidelines. Keep in mind that bibliographies like most everything else in your research paper will be double-spaced (quotes too).

Essay/Paper:

Your paper should 3-5 pages excluding the works cited page. You will follow MLA guidelines (again, look at the sample that I distributed to you). You should submit the following altogether in the following order:

From top to bottom:

- Research plan
- Annotated Bibliography
- Research paper with works cited page at the end
- Copies of sources that you quoted or references (just copy the page where you borrowed the material)