

Research Essay

Requirements: State a Thesis, Develop an Argument, Critical Thinking, Research and Citation, Use of at least THREE Sources, MLA Format, and Formal Writing.

Length: 1000-1250 words

DUE DATES: Please refer to the Course Outline.

Worth in Overall Grade: 30%

For this essay, you will be writing a detailed argument based on research. Your topic is the same topic on which you wrote your annotated bibliography.

You must write an essay that makes an argument on the issues raised by your topic. The quality of your argument will be the basis for your grade, as well as the clarity through which you are able to argue your case—good writing still matters here. Remember, this is an argumentative paper and you need to have a clear direct thesis.

Your essay must use at least three (3) secondary sources to support its position, but may use more.

You will have to use research and evidence to support your position, and so must ensure you follow correct documentation practices and avoid plagiarism. MLA format is required for this assignment.

Please think about what kinds of sources you are using and whether or not they are effective and verifiable. For this assignment, Wikipedia is not considered an acceptable source.

“[R]esearch papers are basically extended versions of [other rhetorical modes]. The special skills you need are those of finding research material *and integrating it with your own ideas.*” (Stewart, et al., *Essay Writing for Canadian Students*, 5th ed., 162; emphasis added)

Your essay is a continuation of the topic you began in the Rhetorical Analysis essay and developed in your Annotated Bibliography.

Please refer to the course outlines for reminders about deadlines, late policies, and academic integrity.