

English 2 Honors - Mini Research Paper Overview - 2011

Assignment: A mini-research paper 3 (full) -5 pages in length that persuasively argues one side of a controversial issue. In reading Elie Wiesel's Night, you looked at an injustice that changed the world forever. For this research essay, choose an issue that you feel is unjust. Choose a side and argue why the situation/issue is unjust and what should be done about it. Students will research using library and database resources and synthesize research into the essay, documenting all research obtained.

Resources: All formatting must be done exactly as presented in according to the 2009 MLA style guide, along with classroom handouts, and models. (See the Diana Hacker brochure on the "Research Tools" page on my website: <http://jonesclassesonline.weebly.com>)

What all is due?

- Entire project must be typed and organized according to rules in the Hacker MLA style guide
 - 12 pt. type, in easily read serif or san serif font
 - Double-spaced, one inch margins
 - Fully proofread
- Cover Page, properly formatted
- Outline
 - In words or phrases, in parallel sentence structure (See Hacker MLA style guide)
 - Must match content of researched essay exactly
- Researched Essay
 - Must follow persuasive essay format as described in class (See handouts)
 - Must contain an antithesis (aka, con/rebuttal) paragraph
 - Must use appropriate persuasive appeals and be free of logical fallacies
 - Must be original with quoted material in direct quotations and all paraphrased material properly and accurately cited in parenthetical citations. [Plagiarism = F]
 - Essay must be submitted successfully to turnitin.com. Students are to verify with the web site that all improperly documented words and sections are corrected and resubmitted before the due date.
 - **SPECIAL REQUIREMENT: Essay MUST include the use of at least 2 (TWO) examples of figurative language (similes, metaphors, personification, sound devices, sensory imagery)**
- Properly formatted MLA Works Cited. All references within paper must match the entries on the Works Cited.
- Every entry in the Works Cited must be cited in the paper.
- **A minimum 5 sources are required.**
- **Photocopies or computer printouts of all sources cited in Works Cited are to be attached to the final product.**
- 50% of the grade will be based on spelling, punctuation, grammar, language usage.
- Miscellaneous classroom related assignments and worksheets (TBA)