Dear Parent or Guardian:

This semester, your student will be writing a research paper for English 10. For many of your students, this will be their first time writing a research paper. Therefore, in an effort to include you in making the writing and research process stress-free and successful, here is some information that may be useful regarding this assignment:

* The research paper assignment as a whole is worth several individual grades, including:
  + At least three participation grades (daily grades)
  + Outline (daily grade) **Due March 16th**
  + Rough draft (test grade) **Due March 23rd**
  + Final draft (test grade) **TBA**

\*\*If your student makes a 70 or higher on the rough draft, they have the option to opt out of writing a final draft. There will not be time given in class to write a final draft.

* The paper must be two to four pages long, not including the works cited page.
* Students must use in-text citations to avoid plagiarism- if students are found to have copy-pasted information without paraphrasing or citing their information, there will be a severe grade penalty.
* Each student must use at least five sources for their research- one book source, two internet sources, and the last two sources are at their discretion.
* We will work on the research papers at school March 17th-20th and the 23rd. Students are welcome to work on their papers outside of school hours as well.
* Research papers will be submitted online via google drive or printed and turned in as a hard copy (preferred).
* All research from source materials must be paraphrased. If a student is found to have plagiarized or copied information, their grade will be severely penalized.
* Your student will receive notes and resources to help them complete their research. Extra copies may be found here:

http://hwatsonsclass.weebly.com/english-10-resources.html

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at hewatson@madison.k12.al.us

Thank you,

Mrs. Watson

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Please sign and date below that you have received and read the research paper assignment information. Your child will receive a daily grade for turning in the signed form. The forms must be turned in by March 2oth for credit.

Parent or Guardian Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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