**Career Interest Research Paper Assignment**

\*\*\*OUTLINE DUE October 17th; PAPER AND WORKS CITED PAGE DUE October 23rd by 11:59 PM\*\*\*

Print your paper (if at all possible) and give it to Mrs. Watson by the deadline

All papers will be written in Google Docs on Google Classroom

(If the paper is not handed in on or before due date, there is a penalty of ten points per day.)

NOTE: This paper requires independent time and research to be successful!!

**Useful Websites:**

https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/01/

<http://www.citationmachine.net/>

* **All of the research paper notes, including the slideshow presentation, rubrics, and a sample research paper, may be found at hwatsonsclass.weebly.com on the “English 10 Resources” page.**

**ASSIGNMENT**:

This semester it is mandatory that you complete a research paper. We will thoroughly cover the Writing Process, MLA format, and how to conduct research. Your research paper will be an in-depth study of a career that you might wish to pursue in the future. \*\*If you begin your research and determine that there is not enough information to support your paper, you must get approval from me to change the topic.

If you plagiarize or turn in a previously written paper, your grade will be severely penalized, including the possibility of receiving a zero. The works cited page is a separate test grade, and you will receive a zero if you do not complete this page.

**GENERAL INFORMATION:**

* The paper is to be 2 to 4 pages typed, double-spaced. (No title page, 2 to 4 pages of text, not including your works cited page)
* You will write the paper in MLA format including the Works Cited page and parenthetical citations. (More detail will be given about this in class.)
* You must have a minimum of 5 sources (At least one must be a book source and two must be internet sources- the other two are up to you) regarding the destination of your choice.
* The final draft of your paper is worth a 100 point test grade and the outline is worth a 100 point daily grade. Your rough draft (typed) is worth a 100 Point test grade. Your works cited page will also be worth a 100 point test grade. You will also receive daily grades for participation and research.
* You must have at least 9 parenthetical citations throughout the paper.
* Each source must be referenced at least once.
* You must have a Works Cited Page (the last page of your paper).
* Size 12, Times New Roman Font, Doub-spaced

**OUTLINE AND THESIS STATEMENT:**

**Outline is due October 17th**

You must create an outline for your research paper following proper MLA format. You should use Roman Numerals (I, II, III, IV, V) to designate each section to be discussed in the research paper. I = introduction, where you are to write your thesis statement as the last sentence of the first paragraph. II, III, and IV = body sections. (You will need more than one paragraph to discuss each component of the location.) V = Concluding paragraph. \*\*Consult https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/ for tips on writing an effective introduction and conclusion.

You must write a thesis statement, which will be included on your outline between the title of your paper and the outline itself. The thesis statement should state the location you will be discussing and the three components you will be discussing in your paper.

**SOURCES:**

 A source includes any information you use to help you write your paper. After you have selected the topic you want to use and have decided which components to research, begin looking for sources that discuss the topics you wish to include. You may use the Internet. Be wary of which website you choose – make sure it’s reliable, relevant, recent, and related. You must have at least 1 book source and at least 2 internet sources. The other two are your choice. Not every source you look at will be listed on the Works Cited page- only the works you actually use in the paper.

**Create your Works Cited Page while you are doing your research. Go ahead and put information in MLA formatting and alphabetize. Works Cited page should be typed in the same document as your paper. This will be the last page and titled Works Cited.**

WORKS CITED PAGE:

This will be the last page of your paper. It is an alphabetical listing of all of the sources cited in your research paper. This page is to be titled Works Cited and is to follow MLA format.

 DO DO NOT

- Type - Number entries

- Double-space - Count as one of your 2-3 text pages

- Alphabetize according to MLA - Neglect to follow MLA format

- Use ALL sources used in paper - List sources that are not used in paper

- Spell ALL names and titles correctly - Use Anonymous for an unknown author

**YOUR WORKS CITED PAGE IS DUE March 23rd by 11:59 PM**

**\*\*\*Be sure to copy and paste the URL into your Word Document at the Works Cited page JUST IN CASE you have to go back to that webpage. You will delete the URL before turning it in to me.**

**NOTES AND INFORMATION:**

 As you read through the research material on your topic, you are to take notes of facts associated with the topic you have chosen to discuss in your paper. **You may create Note Cards for your paper, or you may copy and paste the information into a “NOTES FILE,” which you will then summarize and/or quote in your paper – in a separate Word Document. You can also copy, by hand, your notes/quotes onto a sheet of paper.**

**information into your paper when you read it.**

* **Regardless of the format you choose, make sure to keep track of your sources.**
* **Always paraphrase the information from your sources. No more than two direct quotes may be used in the body of your paper.**

**\*\*\*Remember to include appropriate citations and source documentation.\*\*\***

**Grades**

* Outline (Due March 16th)- Daily Grade
* First Draft (Due March 23rd)- Test Grade
* Final Draft\*\*\*- Test Grade
* (3) Participation Grades- Daily Grade
* Works Cited Page (Due March 23rd)- Test Grade

\*\* If you achieve a grade of 70 or higher on the first draft of your paper, you will have the option of not writing a second draft. In this case, the grade you received for the first draft will count for both grades.