**RESEARCH PROJECT**

World Literature

For this project, you will compose a polished, 4-5-page (exclusive of Title Page, Abstract, and Reference Page) research-based paper on a world issue of your choosing. This paper is worth **two major assessment grades that will be worth 100 points each**. In the event of a late submission, points will be deducted from the both grades. Over the next few weeks, you will be responsible for keeping up with several smaller components of the project; therefore, organization, attendance, and diligence will be imperative to your success.

To complete this assignment, you must conduct extensive research. We will spend several days conducting computer research, so you should routinely bring your device to class.

Throughout this process, you will (among other tasks):

* Brainstorm and select several world issues on which you might conduct research.
* Prepare a proposal on the world issue of most interest to you.
* Conference with me to receive approval your proposal (i.e., to move forward with your research).
* Select and use a minimum of ***five*** valid sources: **At least two of those sources must be from databases and all sources must meet a test of credibility**.
* Write an APA-formatted final draft.
* Prepare an APA-formatted Reference Page.
* Participate in a peer-editing session.
* Create an infographic that relates to your research.
* Compile all of the foregoing components, stapling them together in the appropriate order.

You will turn in your research paper (excluding the infographic) to turnitin.com on:

You will then turn in your packet of materials to me at **the beginning of class on the due date.** On that date, you must submit the following components printed and stapled together and in this order:

1. APA-formatted Title Page
2. APA-formatted Abstract
3. APA-formatted Research Paper (Introduction, Literature Review, Discussion, Conclusion)
4. APA-formatted Reference Page
5. Infographic
6. APA-formatted signed Proposal
7. Feedback received during peer review session (including the draft of your paper)

Following is a “skeleton” outline of your paper:

1. **Title Page (on its own page):** Running Head, Title, Name, School
2. **Abstract (on its own page):** Summary of your paper in 100-150 words. The abstract should include 4-5 relevant key words.
3. **Introduction:** In this section you will introduce your topic by way of providing some background information and the relevance or significance of your topic. ***Conclude this section by sharing your research question*.**
4. **Literature Review:** In this section (which should be several paragraphs), you will objectively synthesize the sources you consulted.
5. **Discussion:** In this section, you will discuss how you believe the conditions, outcomes, or state of your issue (as described in your literature review) impacts the relevant society and/or the world at large. In addition, consider matters that the sources you consulted did not address: What else would you and/or like or need to know? What additional research should be conducted?
6. **Conclusion:** Like any other strong conclusion, this conclusion should provide the highlights of your paper and, especially, explain the “so what?” or universality of your research. For example, what will happen if these conditions don’t change? How might others be impacted? Moving forward, what should people be asking of themselves and/or others? ***Ultimately, why should your reader care?***
7. **Reference Page:** Your bibliography of sources

The first step is to pick an appropriately **NARROW** research topic. You can start broadly, but you must narrow to a topic that is reasonable. Potential **B R O A D** topics include…

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| Transportation/Roads | Energy | Marriage | Environment | Political Freedoms |
| Education | Civil Rights | Poverty | Social Class | Economic Class |
| Racism | Homelessness | Opportunity | Internet | Social Media |
| School Violence | Gun Control | Drugs | Healthcare | Disease |
| Marketing | Censorship | Hate Crimes | Entertainment | Gender |

These topics are ***not*** appropriate research topics; rather they are a starting point. Review this list and see if any of these broad topics interest you. Also feel free to consider topics not listed here. Then we will complete some activities to help you appropriately narrow your topic *and* develop a research question (see **Introduction** above).

A rubric will follow; however, you should realize that the work that will get you to the final products will be included as scored items on the two 100-points assignment, so ***SAVE EVERYTHING!***