Unit 1: Telling Stories—Research to write like an expert

Articles are due every Wednesday-- Sept 12-October 10 (6 weeks) Cooper 2018

Assignment: Research a topic that can sustain your interest over an extended period of time. Read as much as you can about the topic. Write a summary or list of information learned from one article per week. The articles may be print or internet-based, but they must be high-value sources that offer new information. They should challenge you. There is a minimum of five articles with MLA citation of the source but no maximum number of sources.

Create a working bibliography using all sources before writing an essay in which you discuss the topic and the stance you choose to discuss the topic. Cite all information that you did not know before beginning this assignment. The essay should be two-three typed pages of insightful discussion with four to six in-text or parenthetical citations.

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| Item | Total points | Earned points and comments |
| 1. Outline with Thesis Statement
 | 25 pts. |  |
| 1. **Works Cited which follows MLA guidelines for source citation**
 | 25 pts. |  |
| 1. **Revision**--2-3 page edited essay that discusses a narrowed topic in an informed and insightful manner using proper citation of sources.
 | 10 pts. |  |
| 1. The use of 5 or more valid sources to inform the discussion in the essay and the inclusion of 3-4 in-text or parenthetical citations.
 | 10 pts. |  |
| 1. The introduction of the essay provides the background, engages the reader and reveals the thesis of the writer.
 | 10 pts. |  |
| 1. The body of the essay supports the thesis by advancing an argument with text support.
 | 10 pts. |  |
| 1. The conclusion of the essay restates the thesis, summarizes the key points in the body of the essay and ends with a strong statement that ties the essay together.
 | 10 pts.  |  |

The completed essay is due by 10/26/18.

Turn in all portions of the essay—3-1(in that order) with this rubric.