Telling Stories--Research Regular 12 English Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Cooper 2017

Research a topic that can sustain your interest over an extended period of time. Read as much as you can about the topic. Become an expert on that topic and compose a short, informative essay about the topic using the information from the articles you’ve read.

Requirements/Steps:

1. Write a summary or list of information learned from one article per week—summaries are due every Wednesday. The articles may be print or internet-based, but they must offer new information and challenge you—databases are highly recommended. The minimum is four(4) articles. (20pts. each)
2. Create a working bibliography using all sources. Use proper MLA format.
3. Outline the essay to include four (4) references to the articles/sources.
4. Write an essay in which you discuss the topic and the stance you choose to narrow the topic. Cite all information that you did not know before beginning this assignment. The essay should be two (2) typed pages of insightful discussion with three-four in-text or parenthetical citations.

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| Final Project Scoring: | Total points | Earned points and comments |
| 1. Outline with Thesis Statement
 | 25 pts. |  |
| 1. **MLA Bibliography—**citations for all the articles you read
 | 25 pts. |  |
| 1. **Revision**—2-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 4 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.  |  |

Assigned on9/21/17

Article 1 summary due 9/27/17

Article 2 summary due 10/4/17

Article 3 summary due 10/11/17

Article 4 summary due 10/18/17

In-class outlining and drafting 10/18-20/17

The completed essay is due by 10/25/1

Turn in all portions of the project—3-1(in that order) with this rubric.107