**HONORS ENGLISH II RESEARCH PAPER**

**(100 Points)**

Your research paper is the most important piece of academic writing you will complete this year in English. In order to succeed at this assignment, you must develop and defend an original thesis centered around a narrow research topic of your choice. Remember, your thesis should present an opinion that requires your defense. It cannot be a statement of fact. Your essay will focus on proving this thesis through the effective presentation of your research.

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| **Essay Length:** | 7 – 8 full pages  (double spaced, 1” margins, Times New Roman size 12 font) |
| **Sources:** | Minimum 6 sources   * 2 sources must be print books * 1 source must be a scholarly journal, or a newspaper or magazine that appears in print (you may access this information online, but it must not be a solely web source) |

**Paraphrases, Summaries, and Quotations**

Your research paper will feature numerous paraphrases, summaries, and quotations. In order to demonstrate an accurate understanding of the difference between paraphrases and summaries, **please label 1 summary and 1 paraphrase in your research paper.**

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| **Submit the Following Materials (in the following order)**   1. Cover Page in MLA format 2. Outline in MLA format 3. Final Essay in MLA format (including a proper header) 4. Works Cited Page in MLA format 5. Rough Draft of Outline 6. Rough Draft of Essay 7. Rough Draft of Works Cited Page 8. Peer Evaluation Sheet (with notes) 9. Self-Evaluation Sheet (completed) 10. Bibliography & Notecards in a Ziploc bag | **DEADLINES**  **Tuesday, 12/8** – Thesis due  **Thursday, 12/10** – Revised thesis due  **Tuesday, 12/15** – 10 notecards and 2 bibliography cards due  **Wednesday, 12/16** – Outline draft due  **Monday, 1/4** – Rough draft due for peer review  **Wednesday, 1/13** – Research Paper Due |