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RESEARCH PROJECT: RESEARCH PAPER – OVERVIEW GUIDELINES

Writing Workshop #2

Writing Workshop #2 has focused on building your researching skills. You have practiced various researching skills including the following: how to form research questions, how to evaluate websites for creditability, how to utilize research databases, how to record research notes (Cornell Notes and annotations), and how to synthesize research into research summaries. In order to assess your mastery of *Writing Workshop #2*, you will work with a research project group to design a social media campaign that promotes social change (in regards to your topic of inequality). In order to justify the need of your social media campaign, you will write a research paper that examines the history and existence of your inequality topic.

RESEARCH PAPER COMPONENTS:

Your research paper will consist of seven components (indicated below). As a research project group, you will work together to research, record notes for, and write the components. Below there are BRIEF descriptions of each component. As we research and write, you will be given individual guidelines for each component.

1. INTRODUCTION (research group)

Your introduction will “introduce” your readers to your inequality topic. You will define your inequality topic and provide a brief overview (as developed from a synthesis of your individual components) of the history, laws, and statistics associated with your topic.

2. LAW AND/OR POLICY OR HISTORY (individual)

You will be responsible for researching the history of or current implementation of a law and/or policy associated with your topic. You will be responsible for recording research notes for your law and/or policy.

3. STATISTICS (research group)

You will research current statistics that show the existence of your topic within our society. You will select the most relevant and/or convincing statistics and write a paragraph that reveals the connections among these statistics.

4. EXAMPLE CASE (individual)

You will be responsible for researching a current event article that is associated with your topic. You will write a research summary that condenses the most important information from your article. This will be identical to what we have done in class throughout this quarter.

5. PERSONAL EXAMPLES (research group)

You will discuss personal examples and everyday encounters with your topic. You will compile the most relevant and/or convincing examples and write a paragraph that reveals the connections among these examples.

6. CONCLUSION (research group)

You will “conclude” the existence of your topic as a means to reveal the need for social change. In your conclusion, you will explain how change can occur via your group’s social media campaign.



7. SOCIAL MEDIA PROJECT (research group)

You will design a potential social media project with your research group. You will explain the purpose and goal of the campaign, how you will implement your campaign, why your campaign will be effective, who the target audience will be, etc. Your group will create a poster to represent and promote your social media campaign.

Also included in the paper will be...

- MLA structuring format (we will discuss this in class)
- A WORKS CITED page (we will discuss this in class)
- In-text citations (we will discuss this in class)

- ❖ Your group research paper will be written on a group OFFICE 365 account.
- ❖ Your group will submit ONE FINAL research paper electronically on the due date.
- ❖ Your final grade will be a combination of three components: group research, individual research, and group evaluation.
- ❖ THERE IS NO PAGE REQUIREMENT! Rather, each of the sections will have guideline requirements that you will be required to include in that section.

FINAL PROJECTS WILL BE DUE THURSDAY, 14 DECEMBER 2017!