English 101 Professor Lewis

Research Paper

Instructions: Respond to the following prompt in **5-7 pages**. Head your paper and cite in MLA format. Review the syllabus for details about the paper's format. *Please consult your syllabus for all due dates*.

This essay *must* include at least five sources. An essay from our textbook does not count towards this number.

At least 3 of these sources must be *print* sources. A PDF document, e-book, or a printed source (books, magazines, newspapers, etc.) qualify as print sources.

For this essay you may choose any topic, but you must have a solid thesis to argue in your paper. Be sure your topic is focused enough to discuss in six pages. For example: martial arts on its own would be too broad, but how Tang Soo Do has changed (for better or worse) in America in the 1980s would be a narrow topic. You may use a topic you have written about before.

- Proposal: Write a half page to one page proposal that will state the topic and thesis of your research paper. This should also detail out some points and/or methods that you plan on using. Note: This does not need to be exactly how your essay will go, but this will determine the topic you deal with.
- Annotated Bibliography: Informal list of sources including three- to four-sentence descriptions of each: what they are and how you plan to use them. The bibliography must be complete in MLA format. Note: This is not necessarily the *final* list of sources you will use. Research can still be done after this.
- **Rough Draft:** Write a nearly complete draft of your research paper. Your rough draft should be at least **4 pages** long.

Final Draft