

Dear Students and Parents, **This signed document with parent signature is due Monday January 9!!! - Quiz Grade!!**

I know you are working hard on your writing portfolios (which are due Friday!) but it is time for us to begin our discussion of our research papers. The majority of the work begins in two weeks, but there are some preparatory steps that must be addressed.

First, we will be having a field trip for library research orientation at Lake Sumter Community College on Friday, February 3. It is a required field trip. There is no cost. The permission slip is attached and is **due on Friday for a homework grade!**

Second, we will be having some access to the computers in the computer labs starting in two weeks. 1/2 of the class will be accessing the computers while the other 1/2 will be working on homework, note cards, or other English work. (More details about this are to come)

Third, your required supplies are due by the field trip. **These supplies are a QUIZ Grade!!**

1. Active, Valid Lake County Library System Card - The correct PIN number will need to be attached
2. A minimum of 100 3x5 or 4x6 note cards. I recommend lined cards but they can be any color.
3. A working Flash Drive - compatible with Windows 7

Fourth, attached is the research paper calendar. Calendar dates are subject to change.

Research Papers are persuasive. Students must choose a particular argument about the topic (narrow) and must write a paper supporting the side they choose.

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| *Death Penalty | *Animal Rights | *Privacy and Social Media |
| *Immigration | *Bullying & Social Media | *Global Warming - Hoax or not |
| *Fast Food/Obesity | *Gay Rights/Marriage | *Universal Health Care |
| *Euthanasia | *Juvenile Offenders | *School Uniforms |
| *Stay at Home Moms | *Performance Enhancing drugs | *Cell Phone Use/Driving |

****A NOTE ABOUT DUE DATES, PRINTED DOCUMENTS and the Computer lab****

- Due dates are firm - turning an item in late means 25% to 50% off. Not turning an item in is a 0%
- Students are not to ask office personnel or teachers to print from an email or a flash drive!
- Mrs. Gunger will not accept emailed documents nor will she accept a flash drive for an assignment
- All assignments are due in the basket in the beginning of class
- If needed, Mrs. Gunger will make appointments to stay after school if additional computer time is needed, but advance notice is required.
- Goofing off or using the computer for non-research work will result in disciplinary action.

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| Grading Rubric | Introduction including well written thesis/road map statement | 20 points |
| | Body - shows excellent transitions and well documented | 25 points |
| | Conclusion - thesis repeated, well written | 10 points |
| | Works Cited Page | 10 points |
| | Grammar/Mechanics/Form | 20 points |
| | Rough Draft (Peer reviewed and signed) | 10 points |
| | Word Count | <u>5 points</u> |
| | Total | 100 points |

Topic: _____

Student Name and Signature

Parent Name and Signature

