You are to write a research paper. This paper will be a majority of your grade for this semester. (40 points but weighted by 6, making your essay worth 240 points total.)

Remember that research papers are expository OR argumentative.

**Your essay must have the following requirements:**

* Be entirely in MLA format
  + Works cited page
    - Don’t forget the hanging indent!
    - Don’t forget it’s in alphabetical order!
  + In-text citations
  + Double spaced
  + Times New Roman size 12
  + Have a header
  + Have a heading
  + Have a title
* Be a MINIMUM of 3 FULL pages—NOT including the works cited page.
* Have AT LEAST 4 different and reliable sources
* Written formally—no personal pronouns unless in a direct quote
* Sources are used effectively within EVERY body paragraph.
* Is expository OR argumentative

**Deadlines:**

**It is YOUR responsibility to meet the deadlines. If you are absent on a day something was checked, YOU must be the one to come to me to make it up.**

Topic: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Outline: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

RD1: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

RD2: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Final Draft: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**If paper is turned in at any point during the day AFTER the first 5 minutes of class, it is 10% off.**

**If paper is ONE day late or handwritten, it is 50%.**

Outline:

1. **Intro**
   1. Hook
   2. Background info of topic
   3. Thesis
2. **Body Paragraph 1**
   1. Topic sentence
   2. Evidence/quote
   3. Explanation of quote
   4. Evidence/quote
   5. Explanation of quote
3. **Body Paragraph 2**
   1. Topic sentence
   2. Evidence/quote
   3. Explanation of quote
   4. Evidence/quote
   5. Explanation of quote
4. **Body Paragraph 3**
   1. Topic sentence
   2. Evidence/quote
   3. Explanation of quote
   4. Evidence/quote
   5. Explanation of quote
5. **Body Paragraph 4**
   1. Topic sentence
   2. Evidence/quote
   3. Explanation of quote
   4. Evidence/quote
   5. Explanation of quote
6. **Counter Argument –*If doing argumentative***
   1. Topic sentence
   2. Evidence/quote
   3. Explanation of quote
   4. Evidence/quote
   5. Explanation of quote
7. **Conclusion** 
   1. Reworded thesis statement
   2. Summary of essay
   3. Concluding statement