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