EH 102 Research Assignment Sheet

DUE:

**Final Research Assignment Due: Sunday, October 18 @ 11:59PM**

Grade Weight: 15% of final grade

Length/ Weight: 900-1000 +/- words,



What It Is:

This assignment lays the groundwork for your Final Paper. In this assignment, you are writing the Introduction/Argument portion of your Final Paper and also creating an MLA-style Annotated Bibliography. For the “Introduction/Argument” part, you will introduce us to your topic, identify a controversy or conversation about your topic, and pose a research question based on the controversy or conversation that you’ve selected. **Your argument/ thesis will then be based on your answer to your research question (400+ words for this part). You will also create a bibliography of at least 10 sound bibliographic sources, and you will do bibliographic annotations for 5 of these sources (100+ words/annotation).**

Goals:

* + To continue structuring research around stasis theory.
  + To rehearse argument building based on critical inquiry.
  + To rehearse analytic and research skills and source-finding.
  + To rehearse research annotations and MLA citations.

**Quick View of Research Assignment**

* **Introduction/Argument**🡪 The introduction of your Final Essay:
  + Hook: Start with a line to get your audience’s attention about your topic. This can be a colorful sentence or quote or descriptive scenario. Think of the Definitions and Descriptions from your original stasis maps are welcome. This will lead you to introduce your topic, and lead on to some context/history.
  + Context: Then, walk your audience through the Context and History of your topic. Think about these parts of your bubble map. Walk us through to touch on Controversies and Questions that come up for you.
  + Questions: Then, walk us through 1-2 questions that come up for you about your topic. Start with the questions that you drafted in your bubble map, and work your way outward. Your thesis should be your answer to your own question.
  + Thesis: Responding to your research questions, state your argument, your supporting points, and your exigence for your topic (the “demand” or “so-what” of your essay).
  + Partition: This is a short 1-2 sentence paragraph in which you define clearly the structure of your essay and set up any necessary parameters for your paper (ex: if your topic is abstract and is using a case study example, then say so here.)
* **Bibliography**🡪 you will compile a bibliography of at least 10 sources for this research assignment. Of these 10 sources, at least 6 need to be critical/academic sources.
  + Each source should be cited in MLA citation style and formatted accordingly.
* **Annotated Bibliography🡪 select 5 of your 10 sources & create annotations for them.**
  + Start with the MLA citation for your sources.
  + **🡪 EACH ANNOTATION NEEDS TO FEATURE ALL STASIS ELEMENTS from the annotated bibliography stasis grid.**
  + For each source, you will need to identify in a sentence or two how the source relates to your topic and argument.
* **This research goal applies to all areas of academia, from engineering to business to the humanities, and beyond. We are building work beyond ourselves here and always.**

FAQs:

* Yes, you may use first-person to bolter your conversation, as long as it does not stall your essay.
* Yes, you will need to use at least 3 quotes as part of your Introduction and 2 quotes as part of your audience analysis.
* Yes, please have fun with this paper.