

## **Research Project**

Advanced College Writing Spring 2015

Professor Writing

Exclusive of spring break, we have approximately eight weeks left in the semester. During this time, we will be working on a research project, compiling a final portfolio for our course, and preparing for the final exam. These three activities are complementary. The objectives for the research project are to:

- ❖ Strengthen your reading comprehension skills
- ❖ Increase your understanding of differences in writing style, diction, tone, and structure across three genres reflective of three distinct rhetorical contexts—scholarly article, magazine article, and newspaper article
- ❖ Give you an opportunity to practice writing summaries
- ❖ Give you an opportunity to practice writing about texts using paraphrasing and quotation
- ❖ Give you an opportunity to compile an annotated bibliography using MLA formatting guidelines
- ❖ Give you an opportunity to become familiar with the process and stages involved in research writing as preparation for future college research writing projects
- ❖ Practice writing a college research paper

In terms of our work for the rest of the semester, due dates are as follows:

Week 9: March 24/March 26: Finalize Research Questions and Understanding and Collecting Reliable Sources (RWA9)

Week 10: March 31/April 2 Taking Notes on Sources (RWA10)

Week 11: April 14/April 16: Compiling an Annotated Bibliography (RWA11)

Week 12: April 21/April 23 Annotated Bibliography (RWA11) Due / Start working on RWA12  
Overview of Sources in-class

Week 13: April 28/April 30 Complete/Peer Edit RWA12 Draft Overview of Sources and Begin Work Drafting Research Paper

Week 14: May 5/May 7 : Peer Review of Research Papers

Week 15: May 12/May 14 Final Portfolio DUE / Final Exam Prep

Week 16: May 19: Final Exam