

## Essay Assignments

English 17000

Spring 2012

### **Essay #4: The Research Paper (250 points)**

Rationale: To be a good researcher, you must be able to analyze information, synthesize it, and write a claim which you support with references to credible sources. This assignment continues, expands, and improves upon the kind of research you did for Essay #3.

For this essay, you must conduct research using books, encyclopedias (NOT WIKIPEDIA!), scholarly journals and other credible sources to write a 1500-1800 word essay (plus a Works Cited page). I expect a paper of this length **will have no FEWER than ten (10) outside sources, six of which will be annotated (see #2 below).**

Several components comprise the total point value of this assignment:

- 1) Worksheet #1\_ The Working Claim (20 points)  
Due: April 9
- 2) Worksheet #2\_ The Annotated Bibliography (20 points)  
Due: April 16
- 3) Worksheet #3\_ The Outline (20 points)  
Due: April 18
- 4) Visit to The Writing Center (10 points)  
Due: BEFORE YOUR SCHEDULED CONFERENCE TIME
- 5) Conference: a twenty minute evaluation of your draft to be held during a time selected by you.  
(30 points)
6. Paper in finished format (150 points)  
Due: Submitted to [www.turnitin.com](http://www.turnitin.com) no later than 3 p.m., April 30, 2012

