

2009 ENGLISH SUMMER ASSIGNMENT
FOR STUDENTS ENTERING GRADE 12

In lieu of the traditional English summer reading assignments, students entering grade 12 are required to submit two components to English teachers:

1. A completed Senior Project Proposal letter (format found on First Class). If your proposal has been approved, you will submit the approved copy.
2. A “pre-search” for your documented research paper requirement of the Senior Exhibition Project.

The letter and “pre-search” are NOT choices; they are **REQUIREMENTS**, and **will count as 10% of your first quarter English grade of senior year.** The following are the requirements for the “pre-search” assignment:

1. Begin your preliminary research for your Senior Exhibition Project topic. This “pre-search” is the first step in locating sources for the documented paper, which **must** be completed in the first semester of senior year.
2. You are required to have at least five (5) sources, of which one must be a print source and only one (1) is allowed from a commercial Internet source (those that end in dot com). You may use the EBSCO database via the library to locate on-line journals and other reliable sources. Also, note that college libraries are open during the summer if you wish to visit. They may provide a larger variety of sources for your topic.
 - a. Acceptable Internet Sources
 - i. Those that end in .net, .gov, .org, and .edu
 - b. Acceptable Print Sources
 - i. Periodicals (newspapers, magazines, journals), books, pamphlets, and on-line journals.
 - ii. Books
 - c. Other Acceptable Sources
 - i. Documentaries, news interviews/stories, and other educational media
3. NO Wikipedia or About.com is allowed. (Remember only one dot com source is allowed)
4. For each source used, you must complete an index card.

- a. On one side of the index card provide the work cited information in MLA format.
 - b. On other side of the card describe why and how this information will support your senior exhibition project research paper.
 - c. Only cite sources useful to your senior exhibition project research paper.
 - d. Provide a printed copy of each source (includes photo copying the pages from the print source used)
 - e. Staple the index card to the source
5. Print Source Works Cited Information
- a. Author(s), Title of Publication, Publishing Company Name and City/State, Date of Publication, Page numbers used, Volume (if necessary)
6. Internet Source Information
- a. Author, Name of article or page reviewed on the Internet, Web site name, date of publication, date of access (the date you reviewed the page) and the home page Web address
7. Refer to the sample index card that is attached in order to assist with you required works cited information and explanations.
8. Refer to the Purdue On-Line Writing Lab <http://owl.english.purdue.edu> for additional works cited assistance. If using EBSCO, you may click on MLA citation information for the article.
9. The “pre-search” must be submitted in a three ring binder which will be used throughout the year for Senior Exhibition Project.

10. DUE DATE IS FRIDAY, AUGUST 28, 2008. THIS WILL BE COLLECTED IN ENGLISH CLASSES.

NOTE: All honors and AP classes will still be required to complete the “traditional” summer reading. This "pre-search" is in addition to, not in place of, the requirements for those classes.