Assignment #1
In this assignment you will provide a topic that you wish to research. That topic will be sent to Dr. Rivero via e-mail. This serves two purposes. One, a valid and current e-mail for each student is established. And second, the topic for your research is approved. In this assignment, you will review the MLA power point that will be sent to each student and review the following areas of the MLA Manual and The Little Brown Book, which is a suggested reading resource for clarity of the MLA process.

MLA Manual: Read chapters 1, 2, 3, 4 and Appendix. Concentrate on areas for writing and research, ethical writing, plagiarism, structure & content, abstract, introduction, discussion, references and sample papers. These areas are very important to your success.

Additional Reading “NOT REQUIRED”

The Little Brown Book: Read sections I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII and the MLA section. These areas are again, very important to your success.

Due date for Assignment #1:

Assignment # 2

This assignment will require you to submit an Outline of your research paper. In the outline you will need to break your paper into the following sections:

Title Page
Index Page
Abstract
Introduction
Body of Paper- not titled. Flows from introduction
Conclusion/Summary
Suggestions for Further Research
Reference Page

The second part of this assignment will be to submit your Abstract of 25 words. Do not report on your research or in third person writing. Areas to read will be Chapter 03 of the MLA Manual.

Due Date for assignment # 2:

Assignment #3

In this assignment you will start to put your paper into sections. All sections will follow the MLA style and formatting guidelines. The first section will be the Title Page. It will include your topic, your name, institution name and date. The next section will be the Abstract. This will be a minimum of 25 words that discuss the paper in a succinct paragraph. Do not write as if this is a report on what you have done. Next will be the Introduction. Here you will introduce the reader to the topic of your research. The next will be the Body of the Paper. This will not be identified or titled as such because you are beginning to discuss the research of your topic. Be sure to include your research citations and follow the MLA guidelines. The next titled section will be the Conclusion/Summary, here you will summarize or conclude your research topic. This should be close to what your Abstract describes about your researched topic. Next will be the section identified as Suggestions for Further Research. Simply identify areas for additional or continued research for your particular subject. This does not need to be too in depth but remember, this is where you will start your next paper for the next FSM class. The final section is your Reference Page. In this section, you will identify your research references alphabetically as well as in APA format. Area of review will be Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7.

Due date for assignment # 3:
Assignment # 4

Rough Draft
This is your rough draft of the final paper that you have researched. In this, you will submit what you feel is the best effort for your writing and research. What I look for is how well you followed the directions for MLA style and formatting. Are your citations included correctly and are the suggested formatting placed properly. When reviewed, I will send back to you my comments for corrections. You then, can make the corrections and re-submit your paper for final grading. Area of review will be Chapter 8, page 241, Checklist for Manuscript.

Due date for assignment # 4:

Assignment # 5
Final paper
This is the final submission of your research paper. After assignment # 4 corrections have been addressed, you can e-mail your final paper. I will review the document and provide you a final grade for your work. Once submitted you will not be given additional opportunities to improve your grades. This will be addressed in the first meeting of class.

Due date for assignment #5:

Minimum requirements for FSM 301:

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