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.

**MLA Manual:** Read chapters 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and Appendix.

**The Little Brown Book:** Read/review 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/Table of Contents
- 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 75 words. Do not report on your research or in third person writing.

**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 75 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 MLA format. In this paper, you will need to analyze the data that is part of your research and be able to include graphs, charts and other statistical information. Placement of the supporting data should be in the appropriate areas and not at the end or in the appendix. For clarity, please contact me and this will be discussed or reviewed as needed.

**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 in the content correct and is 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.

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 401:

MLA references 20
Total pages 10 to 15
MLA citations 20
Abstract (words) 75

Classroom comments/notes: