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## Final Essay/Research Assignment

### DIRECTIONS FOR PLANNING AND DRAFTING

- Plan and draft an essay on a topic that corresponds with our class theme, our lives in the digital world.
- Though your revised essay will include a minimum of three relevant sources, the notes and any draft work that you produce today does not need to incorporate three sources. You may devote a significant portion of class time to research itself.
- Write in dark ink, preferably black. You are welcome to use both sides of the page.
- Before you leave class today, staple this handout on top of your draft and submit it to me. Next week I will return your draft with notes, and you will have the class period to revise and edit on your laptop or tablet.

### DIRECTIONS FOR REVISING

The revision of your final essay/research assignment should include

- A title that offers a window into your essay
- An opening paragraph that introduces the focus
- A thesis statement, or main claim, that offers an answer to your research question
- Research to support your claims
- A minimum of one relevant quotation or paraphrase from each source
- Parenthetical citations where needed
- A conclusion that revisits the thesis without restating it verbatim
- A works cited list
- A minimum of 1800 words

#### Sample Works Cited Entry

Stubbs, Roman. "NIL Changes Raise Concerns at the High School Level." *The Washington Post*, Jun 27, 2021. *ProQuest*,  
<https://libproxy.highpoint.edu/login?url=https://www.proquest.com/newspapers/nil-changes-raise-concerns-at-high-school-level/docview/2545295139/se-2?accountid=11411>.

## **DIRECTIONS FOR FORMATTING AND POSTING YOUR REVISION—See the Course Calendar for Due Dates**

1. Save your revised essay as a Microsoft Word file and submit it to Blackboard in compliance with the manuscript guidelines. (See the bottom of this page for information on MLA Style.)
  2. Publish your revision as a blog post. In your post, omit the first-page information included in your file submitted to Blackboard (your name, course, section, instructor's name, and date). Add to your blog post an image that documents some part of your writing process away from the screen, such as a photo of your reading notes or a page of your draft.
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### **GRADE CRITERIA**

An **A** final essay complies with all assignment guidelines, maintains a sharp focus, demonstrates a depth of understanding by incorporating relevant and accurate sources, and is also well organized and relatively free of surface errors.

A **B** final essay complies with all assignment guidelines, is well organized, and relatively free of surface errors, but it lacks the focus or depth achieved in an A final essay.

A **C** final essay complies with most but not all assignment guidelines and may also be flawed by issues of organization and/or surface errors, or more consequential factual errors.

A **D** final essay complies with only a few of the assignment guidelines and may also be flawed by issues of organization and/or surface errors, or more consequential factual errors.

An **F** final essay fails to comply with most or all assignment guidelines and may also be flawed by substantial issues of organization and/or surface errors, or more consequential factual errors.

### **MLA Style**

Look to my sample assignments posted on Blackboard and linked to my blog as models of MLA style. For more information on MLA style, see the MLA Style Center and OWL sites linked to my blog.