A. Research Paper Requirements:

1. NON-BIASED expository research-based paper. *You must present both sides of a social issue without expressing your personal opinion.*

2. Three- five (3-5) pages typed (800-1,000 words)

3. MLA format MLA paper format download:

<http://office.microsoft.com/en-us/templates/mla-style-research-paper-TC103984841.aspx>  
4. Works Cited page (*In addition to the 3-5 pages of text):*  Easybib: <http://www.easybib.com/>  
5. Minimum of 4 citations: Citation Machine: <http://www.citationmachine.net/>

6. One of the citations must be a PRIMARY source

7. All papers must be uploaded in TURNITIN.COM

B. Research Paper Plan:

1. Acquire General Knowledge: Understand why people agree and disagree with the social issue

statement?

a. General Research: Google search

1. Wikipedia (NEVER to be cited!!)

2. Pro/Con websites

3. General Web searches.

b. Keep a running bibliography to bookmark any sites that may be helpful later

c. Keep an open word document for any **question, notes, ideas** that come up

2. Revise brainstorming notes: Reasons people agree/disagree, what you know, what you wonder

3. Gathering sources: Reliability and Validity

a. bias / slant

b. reasoning

c. resources

d. evidence

e. sources: primary vs. secondary

4. Library research resources; MACKIN VIA (located on SPHS library website)

a. Good search engines for research:

1. JStore

2. Ebsco

3. SIRS

4. Gale

5. Points of View