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