**AP Language**

**Junior Project**

**Project Overview**

The purpose of the junior project is to research and synthesize a variety of sources. You will paraphrase as well as analyze research material without plagiarizing. The research paper allows you to complete an in-depth study on an issue in society. This issue can be social, political, and/or economical. As you have seen throughout our work this year, many of these issues overlap these three categories. You have learned about many controversial issues this school year from multiple sources in the news, *Language of Composition* readings, class discussions, student documentary films and presentations. Now it is time to choose an issue you would like to learn more about and share with others through research.

**What to do:**

* Select your topic
* Determine the essential question—answer this question (this is your thesis statement)
* Complete your research proposal
* Find sources to answer your essential question (minimum of 6 sources)
* Research all sides of the issue
* Present supporting evidence
* Include **a minimum of eight direct quotes** and detailed paraphrasing of all sources throughout your paper
* Type your paper in MLA format
* As you research, take notes and create a **Works Consulted** page in MLA format using Noodle Tools as a citation generator.
* DO NOT USE FIRST PERSON

**Paper Format (7 pages)**

* Introduction (2 pages)
* Body (3 pages)
* Conclusion (1 page)
* Works Consulted (1 page)

**Sources (6 minimum)**

* Two Text Sources (online or print newspaper, magazine, or book)
* One non-text/print source (video, radio, TV, etc.)
* “Field research (interviews, surveys, etc.)
* Two scholarly journals (academic journals, scholarly websites, etc.)

**Introduction (2 pages)**

Provide your background research on the overall issue. In this section, you should describe and define the issue. Discuss the importance and/or relevance of the issue in society today. You might discuss any applicable laws regarding the issue. You will end this section with your thesis statement/claim.

**Body (3 pages)**

Give a thorough account of the problem. Why is this issue a problem? What is currently happening? Why is it happening? What is currently being done?

**Conclusion (1 page)**

Discuss the ways in which we can address the problem, based on both your own ideas and your research.