**First Semester Research Paper**

**9th Grade Literature & Composition Fall 2012**

**Server**

The time has come to embark upon our journey of research. The next anchor text we will be reading is *Fahrenheit* 451 by Ray Bradbury, in which the novel focuses on how media creates identity and conformity within society, so our research will focus on some aspect of how technology has changed the identities of people today and who controls the media.

Using one of the literary pieces (a short story) and one of the informational pieces (an article) you will *formulate your own research question*, and then you will write a research paper in which you attempt to *answer* that question.

**In Class**

Students will be learning and taking notes on MLA format, various sources, instructions on writing source cards, documenting quotations, documenting paraphrases, and documenting summaries.

**Key Requirements**

**\*\*This paper is 10% of the final semester grade\*\***

* 1 short story, 1 information article (in packet)
* 2 “Source Cards” (using template provided)
* 9 “Note Cards” (using template provided)
  + 2 Direct Quotation, 1 from each source + parenthetical documentation
  + 3 Paraphrases, 1 from each source + parenthetical documentation
  + 1 Summary, 1 from each source + parenthetical documentation\*

Final product must be a 2-page minimum, 3-page maximum paper in MLA manuscript form that ***should be submitted through Google Docs***. ***That includes the rough draft and a new document for the final draft.*** The required Works Cited page is not included in the length requirements. Please refer to my website for supplemental materials, (i.e. setting up an MLA paper, submitting work via Google Docs etc.) Every day the research paper is submitted late will result in a deduction of 10 pts a day.

**Important Due Dates: *These dates are subject to change as needed.***

* Research question: Thursday 10/25
* Sources Cards: Thursday 10/30
* Quotes, Paraphrases, and Summaries: Tuesday, 10/30
* Rough Draft: Friday , 11/02
* Final: TBA (depends on lab availability)

**Materials Needed**

* Research packet
* Computer with internet access (Google Docs)