

Mr. Tengowski
Mini-Paper Instructions

- I. Papers should be in the style of a 4 paragraph essay. Introductions should begin general at first with a background account of what is going on at the time. After the background has been set, work your way down to a thesis statement that sums up and can be found throughout your entire paper. Conclusion paragraphs must include a restatement of your thesis as well as any closing details that you intend to make. Sum up and close the argument. Take a stand. Make sure that your point is well proven and able to stand up against scrutiny. Prove to me something. **There must be one citation per body paragraph in this paper.** Whatever quote you use from a source, make sure that you explain in the paper how it relates to your thesis and what you are writing...
- II. Bibliography-from the textbook and another source, show me that you did some research in order to justify the reasoning behind your argument. You need only 2 citations for the entire paper. Your textbook can be a citation. Internal Citations should look like (Author, 353) or (Title, 353). Citations found in the bibliography may be used in MLA format. The sources that are acceptable are the textbook, books in the library, educational and informative sources (.gov, .mil, .edu, .org, etc.) **Sources such as .com or wikipedia or encyclopedias are not allowed and points will be taken off...**

Helpful Hints:

1. All papers must be double spaced, each paper needs to have a title, 12 pt. Times New Roman Font, with 1" margins on all sides and page numbers (located at the bottom or in the upper right corner). Your heading for each paper should be as follows:

Name

Period-Note that these need to be single spaced!!!

Date

2. Proofread your papers!!! If you have trouble with spelling mistakes, punctuation, give your paper to a friend or a parent in order to check these small details out.
3. Don't wait until the last minute! Make sure that you get these started early so that you can make an intelligent argument!
4. All papers must have internal citations (**at least 3**). One should be from the textbook and the others can be from outside relevant sources... They should be cited as follows: (Author, pg. #). If there is no author, go to the **entire** book title. There really should be one internal citation for every paragraph that you write for me. Citations for the **bibliography** can be found on the NA website under libraries and MLA Citation.

EX: A Quote from The American Pageant on Page 875

Internal Citation (Bailey, 875)

Bibliography

- a. Paragraph 1-Identify what the background of the information of the prompt is and build up to your argument. Your last sentence should be your thesis statement of the paragraph.
 - b. Paragraph 2,3,4- Body paragraphs...each one needs to have a quotation within each paragraph that strengthens your thesis statement.
5. **All papers are due the day before the specific Unit Test.**