CAUSE/EFFECT ESSAY

Length – 750 words

Causes – The reasons why something happened

Effects – The consequences, either positive or negative, of a particular occurrence

Write your paper in the present tense. The essay must be typed (double spaced with a size 12 font in Times New Roman) and printed on only one side of the paper. It must be in proper MLA format; papers not in the proper format will not be accepted.

Your paper should have cause paragraphs in the first half of your paper and then effect paragraphs in the second half of your paper. Make sure that the relationships you see between causes and effects are genuine. The fact that a particular event preceded another does not necessarily mean that the first caused the second.

The introduction should include background information, a thesis statement, and a plan of development. The supporting paragraphs should have topic sentences and then sentences that support the topic sentence. The conclusion should include the thesis statement, the plan of development, and closing remarks.

You must use exactly 2 outside sources for this paper that are 2005 or more current. Choose from the following:

a. online magazine article with an author from *Time*, *Newsweek*, etc. (*Prentice Hall Reference Guide* 439 #41)

b. online newspaper article with an author from *Knoxville-News Sentinel*, *Oak* *Ridger*, *USA Today*, etc. (*Prentice Hall Reference Guide* 438 #33)

c. online magazine article with an author from a database (*Prentice Hall Reference Guide* 439 #40)

d. online newspaper article with an author from a database (*Prentice Hall Reference Guide* 438 #32)

e. online journal article with an author from a database (*Prentice Hall Reference Guide* 440 #44)

Make copies of your sources to turn in with your rough draft and your final copy.

Possible Topics:

Car accident

Suicide

Popularity of fast food restaurants

A disease/illness

Alcoholism

Drug addiction

Smoking

War

Being overweight

Watching television

Committing a crime

Exercise

Yoga

Playing a sport

Stress

Eating disorder

Homelessness

Having a part-time job