## **Research Essay Assignment**

## Due: April 6<sup>th</sup> at the beginning of class.

**\*\***papers submitted after class has started will be counted as late and will lose one letter grade\*\*

Length: approx. 1500 words (5-6 pages) Weight: 30%

Use your proposal to prepare an interesting, well-researched, well-written essay. Employ the sources you listed in your annotated bibliography (and any other scholarly sources that you have found) to support your arguments.

## **Requirements:**

5-6 page research essay in Times New Roman 12 pt. font, double spaced, that conforms to proper MLA format. It should include a Works Cited page with the complete bibliographic information of all sources you considered.

In-class **peer review** of first drafts will take place on **Monday, Mar. 19<sup>th</sup>**. Bring two printed copies

## You will be graded on:

- The clarity of your argument.
- The length it should not be longer or shorter than the 5-6 page range by more than a half a page.
- Your sources I will be checking to see that you have chosen academic sources (rather than Wikipedia) and that you have at least three. By academic sources I mean a scholarly, peer-reviewed article or book. Websites, newspaper articles, blogs etc. will not be accepted. You may use one article from the course-pack as a source if you wish.
- Your ability to use correct MLA format.
- Grammar and Syntax.

**Reminder:** Of course, all of the work must be entirely your own. Other people should not write, edit, or revise your paper (not even your parents or friends). It is appropriate (and encouraged!) to *discuss* your ideas and approaches with others. It is not appropriate for anyone else to write or make changes to work that you are going to hand in as your own. Submitting work that you or others have ever previously submitted would also constitute an act of academic dishonesty and result in a grade of zero for the paper.