

Researched Argument / Synthesis Paper

Many of you have heard of the Junior Research Paper. You will be doing something slightly different. You will be writing a researched argument based on our work with synthesis papers that is focused on a specific audience. In this case, that audience is the Trojan Forum readership. This is going to be a bit tricky. You will need to balance your tone to appeal to your peers, alumni, Fife School District staff, and the Fife/Milton community while at the same time producing a scholarly piece that credits your sources in MLA format. ("Whew! You've GOT to be crazy, Mr. Giddings!" I can hear you saying in your heads. Nah, if I were crazy, we'd read these papers at the next school board meeting while dressed as reindeer. Thank God, I'm not crazy!)

Your 7 choices in questions to pursue are:

Focus on Gender

Write question 1, 2, **or** 4 from page 417-18 of our textbook using at least 3 sources from the gender conversation section from pages 408-17.

OR

Focus on Science and Technology

Write question 2, 3, 4, **or** 5 from pages 695-696 in our textbook using at least 3 sources from the science and technology conversation section on pages 678-695.

Requirements

- 3-4 pages long
- Full MLA format (I'll post a link to sample pages on the blog)
- Use at least three sources from the conversation section that corresponds to your topic
- Use at least one outside source – acceptable sources include:
 - Books
 - Reputable periodicals such as *Harpers*, *The Atlantic*, *The New York Times*, *The Seattle Times*, etc.
 - Any ProQuest resource (login information is on the portal instead of the blog for security reasons)

Many websites are questionable and Wikipedia is verboten.

We *will* submit copies of these to the Trojan Forum, and Ms. Robison is excited to see what you produce (as am I!). These papers will be graded with the concerns of the AP synthesis rubric in mind, though since this is not a rough draft an increased emphasis will be placed on format and conventions.