

# Researched Argument / Synthesis Paper

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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 general, educated audience. This will be a bit longer than your pop culture synthesis essay and require that you find and use credible outside sources. We're going to do all of this BEFORE winter break. ("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 12 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.

**OR**

## Focus on Sports and Fitness – Body Image

Write question 3, 4, or 5 from page 493 in our textbook using at least 3 sources from the sports and fitness conversation section on pages 482-492.<sup>1</sup>

**OR**

## Focus on the Individual and Community

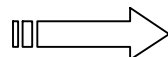
Write question 1 from page 345 or question 1 from page 335 in our textbook using at least 3 sources from the community section on pages 259-334.

## Requirements

- 1500 words long
- Full MLA format (see MLA OWL link to sample pages on the blog)
- Use at least three sources from the conversation section that corresponds to your topic
- Use at least 2 outside sources – acceptable sources include:
  - Books

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<sup>1</sup> See me for additional resources on this topic.



- Reputable periodicals such as *Harpers, The Atlantic, The New York Times, The Seattle Times*, etc.
  - Any ProQuest resource (User name: W417CFIFED Password: welcome)
- Many websites are questionable sources and Wikipedia is verboten.

## **Due**

December 12, 2008

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.