**Assignment:**

**Write a persuasive research paper that:**

1) establishes the *existence* and *significance* of a problem (national, state, or local)

2) suggests the best solution and what makes it the best (why will it work)

**Papers must:**

1) Be in MLA format

2) Include an introduction with **THESIS STATEMENT** to interest the reader & a conclusion to summarize your position

3) Be 3-4 pages in length (not including the Works Cited page)

4) Include 6 reputable sources (use the ASU or SHS databases)

   3 popular & 3 from the databases (1 MUST be scholarly)

5) Quote from 3 qualified, named experts to prove points

   Example: According to Dr. Smith, Professor of Biology at Harvard University, the average life span of a heroine user is…..

6) Provide statistics from reputable sources

**Credit will be assigned for:**

1) **Proposal** (quiz grade): **Due at the beginning of class on TBD.**

2) **Source Page** with at least 6 sources (see above for criteria) in MLA citation format (daily grade): **Due at the beginning of class on TBD.**

3) **Outline** (TEST GRADE): **Due at the beginning of class on TBD.**

4) **Rough Draft with Works Cited** (TEST GRADE): **Due at the beginning of class on TBD.**

5) **Final Draft with Works Cited** (Final Exam Grade): **Due at the beginning of class on TBD.**

The above grades #3-5 will go on the 6th six weeks.

Assignment ideas borrowed from: http://www.lhsbio.org/english/researchpaperhome/researchpaperhome.htm