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Writing Assignment 3: Slacktivism Mini Research Paper

Due Dates:

- **Printouts of sources due:** Tuesday, 25 October 2016
- **Outline Due:** Thursday, 27 October 2016
- **Draft & Peer Review:** Monday, 31 October 2016
- **Final Draft Due**: Tuesday, 1 November 2016

Requirements:

- **Sources**:
  - Three (3)
    - One (1) may be from the *Models* readings on slacktivism,
    - Minimum of two (2) **must** come from the BC Library, electronic databases.
  - No source older than 2015.
  - No source shorter than one full printed page.
- **Length**: Minimum 3 full pages plus a works cited page.
- **Format:** MLA
- **Turnitin**: Submit outline, rough draft, and final draft on the dates required

Writing Assignment

Write an essay that responds to the following question:

- Is slacktivism, activism via social media, an effective tool for change? Why?
- Support your point of view with the research.

Grading Criteria

Grading:	**Remember:**
• Adherence to MLA Formatting • Introduction and strength of thesis • Organization of ideas: topic sentences, examples, analysis, discussion, transitions • Validity of sources. • Presentation of sources: signal phrases, context statement before quote, parenthetical citations. • Depth of reasoning: choice of examples, logic, analysis • Mechanics: grammar, punctuation, spelling, sentence clarity, and accurate word choice	• **No 3-part thesis statement.** • **No 1st Person:** I/We/Me/Us/My/Mine/Our/Ours • **No 2nd Person:** You/Your/Yours • **Never** begin or end a paragraph with a source. (YOUR VOICE ONLY) • **Never** use rhetorical questions in any of your essays. • **Always** discuss the sources in the **PRESENT** tense. They continue to exist; therefore, the action continues. • **Check** your MLA formatting. Use your handbook. Remember to check the box to remove the extra space