

ENGL B50

Tuesday, 21 March 2017

DUE THIS WEEK

- **Tuesday, 3/21**
 - **Due:** WA 5 Outline (submit to turnitin.com)
- **Thursday, 3/23**
 - **Due:** WA 5 Draft for Peer Review (submit draft to turnitin.com)
 - **Due:** Narrowed topic and research proposal. Submit proposal to turnitin.com.
 - **Due:** Grop Lead Discussions of *Martian* Ch. 19-23
 - One paragraph summary for EACH of the chapters. (5 paragraphs labeled with the chapter number.)
 - **Due:** Journal 45 pages

IN-CLASS TODAY

- Assign Final Synthesis Essay
- Introduce EBSCOhost
- Begin work on research topic
- Work on grammar exercises

SYNTHESIS ESSAY

REVISED TOPIC UPDATE YOUR ASSIGNMENT PAGE

- Your synthesis essay (mini-research paper) will explore social media's impact on determining happiness. Your research questions is, “does the internet make the users more or less satisfied with their lives?”
- You may want to focus on one social media platform and research its impact on self-identity and happiness.

Requirements: Update your copy.

1. Sources: 3 academic sources from EBSCOhost. **NLT 2010**
2. Length: 4-5 pages, **including** the works cited page.
(The paper must be a minimum of **3 full pages** of content.)
3. Format: Correct MLA format
4. Use at least one quotation from each source.
5. No more than two quotations per paragraph.
6. No quotations more than 3 typed lines.
7. No outside internet sources, no reviews, no abstracts.
8. Sources must be a minimum of 2 pages.

DEVELOPING IDEAS

PRELIMINARY RESEARCH

- Look at an encyclopedia/Wikipedia-type site for general information on your topic and note interesting facts or ideas. (This is **NOT** a formal source for your paper—just a starting point for gathering ideas.)
- Look up “social media” on Wikipedia. Notice the number of different directions you could take your essay.

NARROWED TOPIC & RESEARCH PROPOSAL

- Complete the attached Narrowing Your Topic Worksheet.
- **Proposal:** In a 6-8 sentence paragraph that
 - explains why you've chosen the particular topic.
 - describes **specifically** what preliminary research you did to arrive at your choice of topic, including naming the various websites you may have visited.
- MLA format
- Due: Thursday, 3/23/17

NARROWING YOUR TOPIC

Topic	Chocolate
Sub-Topics	History of chocolate, making of chocolate, health aspects of chocolate, chocolate addictions, brands of chocolate (Godiva, Hersheys, Lindt, etc.), consumption of chocolate, popularity around the world, forms of chocolate.
Sub-Topics of interest	Health aspects of chocolate.
Questions about your topic	Are there health benefits to eating chocolate? Can chocolate boost your mood? Is chocolate addictive?
Topic Statement	I will explore the health benefits of eating chocolate, specifically focusing on how chocolate affects moods and brain chemistry.

EXAMPLE

Topic	Social Media
Sub-Topics	Business potential, monitoring and tracking, data mining, effects on relationships, political effects, in the classroom, advertising, mobile use, trustworthiness, reliability, impact on jobs, effects on youth communication, applications, YouTube, Twitter, Facebook,
Sub-Topics of most interest	Interpersonal relationships
Questions	Is social media improving or impairing human relationships? Is it more difficult to know a meaningful relationship? Does social media contribute to depression in some people? Why?
Topic Statement	I will explore the impact of dating apps on establishing meaningful relationships and self-fulfillment.

GRAMMAR EXERCISES

Replacing “to be” verbs