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ENG 100
Assignment #3: I-Search Paper
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Purpose: Please compose an **I-Search paper** that uses at least three sources to explore a debatable topic. Please make the rhetorical choice to inform and/or persuade your audience. You can also consider these more specific **rhetorical purposes**.

Audience: Your primary audience is people who visit your website, including your classmates and instructor. Your secondary audience is people who are interested in your chosen topic.

Style: This is a research paper so please choose the genre and citation style that best suit your **rhetorical context**. Please be mindful of the **rhetorical triangle** and use a tone that is most appropriate for your purpose, message, and audience.

Focus: Please use a thesis statement to communicate the issue you are exploring. The nontraditional nature of this research paper requires you to focus on **four major sections**:

- **Section 1: Proposal.** Please write a one-page proposal that explains why you have chosen your topic and what methods you will use to gather information.
- **Section 2: Process.** Please write a one-page explanation of your research process, namely where you looked for information, how you recorded the information, and what strategies worked and didn't work.
- **Section 3: Paper.** Please write a two-to-four page paper that informs and/or persuades your audience about the debatable topic of your choosing.
- **Section 4: Ponder.** Please write a one-page reflection where you ponder your research and writing processes: what worked, what didn't, and what were/are your main "take-aways" from the project. Also, please include suggestions for future research questions.

Process: To begin, *Think On Paper* about the issues surrounding your decision: freewrite, list, cluster, discuss, and read other expert opinions to generate ideas and answer questions. Read your blog posts and comment on your classmates' blog posts to engage in research discussions. Use the Internet and our library databases to research the topic.

Product: The paper must be 4-6 pages and formatted as follows: 12-point font, double-spacing. Please include an original title. This doesn't count as an original title: *I-Search Paper*. We will use these criteria to evaluate your essay:

- _____ Your paper is well-organized and is structured in the four required sections.
- _____ Your paper provides well-researched information.
- _____ Your paper cites source material in a clear and appropriate manner.
- _____ Your paper integrates source material information with your own ideas.
- _____ Your paper provides a clear thesis statement.
- _____ Your paper illustrates writing that is appropriate and compelling for your audience.
- _____ Your paper is between 4-6 pages.
- _____ Your papers shows signs of careful proofreading, with minimal grammatical or spelling errors.