Final Researched Argument

Due: Friday, December 5
You will complete your academic inquiry in this course by writing a researched, argumentative essay that offers your informed response to the research question you posed in your revisited proposal. Write at least an eight to ten page essay (not including the works cited page). You must use and cite at least six sources, two of which must be scholarly sources.

Related aims of the assignment include practice and success:

- moving from research to the presentation of that research in written form;
- citing and using source materials in appropriate ways;
- control and use of argument and rhetorical strategies.

Basic Guidelines to Follow
Follow MLA style for formatting your essay. The final copy must be in 12 point Times New Roman font, with the appropriate heading, pagination, and documentation. Title your essay—and not simply by labeling it “Researched Argument.” You must be in class to turn in your final essay; all final essays are due at the beginning of class on the date due. No late essays will be accepted. If you do not turn in this essay on the date due, 30% of your final grade will be a zero. As outlined in the course syllabus, late coupons are not valid on final papers.

Some bullet requirements for the Argumentative Research paper:
- Two academic sources;
- There must be an argument about the research. You must place yourself in your research. This is not a paper where you just tell me stuff you know, put quotes in a different order, regurgitate what you’ve read;
- Persuade your audience by argument (and you should probably define your audience) about something—do something? pass a law? stop doing something? Why?
- Use the arguments we’ve discussed in class, that we’ve read in the book, to structure your approach and discussion,
- This paper should show me what you learned.

Some major dates to keep in mind (check your syllabus for readings, etc.):
10/31-11/3 Conferencing. Bring a draft
11/10 Workshop. Bring a draft.
11/14 Draft due to instructor.
11/17 Instructor will return draft.
12/1 Workshop. Bring a draft.
12/5 Final draft due.