

### **9<sup>th</sup> grade English Semester research project:**

This project will stand for a significant portion of your 4<sup>th</sup>–nine weeks grade. The presentation that follows your paper will be entered as your semester test grade which represents 10% of your semester grade. Please take this project seriously, follow directions, meet deadlines, ask questions, and I am confident that you will do great!!! Here is a breakdown of the points:

#### **RESEARCH PAPER: 330 points**

**Introduction-** Do you have an intro with 4 paragraphs? Do you have a well stated thesis? 25 points

**Format and argumentative-** Is your paper formatted correctly and is it an argument? 50 points

**Internal credit-** Do you give credit, correctly, to all of your outside information? 75 points

**Balance-** Can I find your voice in your paper? Do you have a balance of outside information and personal opinion? 40 points

**Transitions-** Do you have transitions between each required part of your paper? 20 points

**Sources-** Do you have at least 6 sources / from the databases? 35 points

**Conclusion-** Do you summarize and restate your thesis? 15 points

**Works Cited-** Do you have a works cited page in the correct format? 30 points

**Length-** Is your paper long enough? (3-5pages) 40 points

**Grammar/ mechanics/vocabulary-** Do you edit carefully for errors? 40 points

**\*\*\*Presentation: A Day- Friday, May 17-----B Day- Monday, May 20\*\*\***

You will be required to present your paper to the class on the day listed above. The follow criteria must be addressed in your speech: 100 points

1. Topic and thesis
2. Something you learned
3. A visual that represents something from your paper
4. Read one section of your paper

