

## **Essay #4: Research Paper (10+ sources)**

<b>Other Topics:</b>	_____	= Absolute last date to get other topics approved!
<b>Draft Part I due:</b>	_____	(= Outline, Annotated Biblio, intro & the first BPs etc.)
<b>Draft Part II due:</b>	_____	(= Depends on Part I, but do <u>not</u> submit anything twice.)
<b>Final draft due:</b>	_____	(= A more polished version or new section.)
<b>Essay due:</b>	_____	(= The essay with references – <u>Not</u> to exceed 10 pages!)
<b>Length:</b>	8½ - 9 pages	(= Your actual essay. References will add 1½ pages.)
<b>Weight:</b>	30%	

**WARNING: WHEN HANDING IN PORTIONS OF ESSAY #4 FOR FEEDBACK, YOU MUST MAKE SURE THAT YOU INDICATE WHAT IT IS YOU ARE HANDING IN –TYPE IN ALL CAPS “Outline & Intro & BP#1” or “BP# 3 – 6 & References” for example. No more than 5 pages at a time will receive feedback!**

### **Objectives:**

- Develop an arguable topic of civic and/or global relevance to explore this essay.
- Find reliable sources to summarize, paraphrase, or quote to support the thesis.
- Balance the varied perspectives of the selected sources.
- Use the principles of argument and the appropriate rhetorical technique(s).
- Contribute a unique insight to the scholarly articles already available on the topic.

### **Instructions:**

- Skim pages 478 - 543 of Rules for Writers (again) about writing research papers.
- Read chapters 12 and 13 in Practical Argument about the themes of “Fake News” (pages 409-435) and “(Anti-)Social Media” (pages 437-473).
- Write a Research Paper supported by 10+ sources developing your own perspective on a topic related to the themes of “Fake News,” “(Anti-)Social Media,” or a topic approved by your professor. Up to three texts can be from the book. As always, sources (-like “Text #1” and “Text #2” on BB-) located via the MC library database are the best ones!
- Make sure your paper is in APA style.
- Save your Word document as “Last Name-Essay #4” and print it in class on the day the syllabus states it is due and only 5 minutes before the end of class (NOT before it!) Print on both sides and “erase” any empty spaces!