**ENG 095 Website Evaluation Project DUE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

For this assignment, you will explore and research a news report on a website that you are interested in. This will help us prepare to write our informative essay, which will be a “how-to” essay. You will investigate the website using specific criteria and write a report about your investigation. This assignment will count as your Quarter 1 exam.

Follow these steps for successful completion of the assignment:

**DUE Thursday, October 3:** Locate a news report online that catches your attention and that **includes an image**. Get your article approved by Dr. Lycke.

* You can use any of the major news reporting outlets such as NPR, Fox News, BBC, ABC, MSN, CNN, or a major newspaper.
* Locate an article about something that you are genuinely interested in learning more about.
* Try to connect your article to something you might write a “how to” essay about. For example, if you are interested in helping get out the vote, you might want to research voting rights or a recent voting/election scandal. If you are interested in stage makeup, read an article about how a dancer’s zombie makeup was mistaken for a medical emergency.
* Choose a report that is long enough for you to analyze and write about. A paragraph or two will not get the job done.

**Friday, October 4 & Monday, October 7:** You will have time in class on Friday and Monday to work on your research and writing your report. You will investigate the facts of the article and write a report about your findings. Complete the following tasks:

* Read the article and take notes paying special attention to the main idea or argument of the article.
* Think about the information that is used to support the main claim.
* Mark any words you do not know and look them up. Make sure you understand them in the context of the article.
* Complete the News evaluation worksheet.
* Start drafting a report that evaluates the news story.

**DUE Tuesday, October 8**: Your report will explain what you learned about your news story and its trustworthiness. You will cite your sources using MLA style. Your report should be structured as outlined below. Be sure to include all the parts listed.

* Paragraph 1: Introduce your report. Include the full title and author of the story and its source. Explain how you located your article and why you chose it. What drew your attention to this specific article? **Make a claim** (your thesis statement) about whether this story is an academically useful story or not (In other words, does it pass the CRAP test?).
* Paragraph 2: Use the SOAPStone tool to describe your article. Describe the image and explain how it supports (or doesn’t) the ideas in the article.
* Paragraph 3-4: Report your research **findings.** Use the criteria discussed in class and evaluate the article’s usefulness as an academic source. Be sure to provide specific evidence to support your claim. What evidence do you have that the article passes your standards or not.
* Paragraph 5: Close your report with an overall assessment of your article and its source. Would you go to this source for information in the future? Would you recommend the source to others? Why or why not?
* Provided a Works Cited list: Provide a list of the sources you used for your report in MLA style. Include the article you analyzed as well as any other sources you used (Tineye, Google, Snopes, etc.).

Carefully **edit** your report to fix your grammar errors and content clarity.

Your report should be typed, double-spaced, in 12-point font. Use Word online so your work will be saved and accessible on the internet.

Set up your report using MLA style with a heading, header, and an original title (**not** the title of the assignment or the article).

**Basic Style for Citations of Electronic Sources**

From Purdue Online Writing Lab (OWL): <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/01/>.

Here are some common features you should try and find before citing electronic sources in MLA style. Not every Web page will provide all of the following information. However, **collect as much of the following information as possible both for your citations and for your research notes**:

* Author and/or editor names
* Article name **in quotation marks**.
* Title of the website, project, or book **in italics**.
* Any version numbers available, including editions (ed.), revisions, posting dates, volumes (vol.), or issue numbers (no.).
* Publisher information, including the publisher name and publishing date.
* Take note of any page numbers (p. or pp.) or paragraph numbers (par. or pars.).
* Date you accessed the material (Date Accessed).
* **URL** (without the https://).
* Remember to cite **containers** after your regular citation. Examples of containers are collections of short stories or poems, a television series, or even a website. A container is anything that is a part of a larger body of works.

**Citing an Entire Web Site**

Editor, author, or compiler name. *Name of Site*. Version number, Name of institution/organization affiliated with the site (sponsor or publisher), date of resource creation, URL, DOI or permalink. Date of access.

*The Purdue OWL Family of Sites*. The Writing Lab and OWL at Purdue and Purdue U, 2008, owl.english.purdue.edu/owl. Accessed 23 Apr. 2008.

Felluga, Dino. *Guide to Literary and Critical Theory*. Purdue U, 28 Nov. 2003, www.cla.purdue.edu/english/theory/. Accessed 10 May 2006.

**A Page on a Web Site**

For an individual page on a Web site, list the author or alias if known, followed by the information covered above for entire Web sites. If the publisher is the same as the website name, only list it once.

"Athlete's Foot - Topic Overview." *WebMD*, 25 Sept. 2014, www.webmd.com/skin-problems-and-treatments/tc/athletes-foot-topic-overview.

Lundman, Susan. "How to Make Vegetarian Chili." *eHow*, www.ehow.com/how\_10727\_make-vegetarian-chili.html. Accessed 6 July 2015.

**An Image (Including a Painting, Sculpture, or Photograph)**

Provide the artist's name, the work of art italicized, the date of creation, the institution and city where the work is housed. Follow this initial entry with the name of the Website in italics, and the date of access. If the work is cited on the web only, then provide the name of the artist, the title of the work, and then follow the citation format for a website. If the work is posted via a username, use that username for the author.

Adams, Clifton R. “People relax beside a swimming pool at a country estate near Phoenix, Arizona, 1928.” *Found,* National Geographic Creative, 2 June 2016, natgeofound.tumblr.com/.

**An Article in a Web Magazine**

Provide the author name, article name in quotation marks, title of the web magazine in italics, publisher name, publication date, URL, and the date of access.

Bernstein, Mark. "10 Tips on Writing the Living Web." *A List Apart: For People Who Make Websites*, 16 Aug. 2002, alistapart.com/article/writeliving. Accessed 4 May 2009.

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**News Story & Website Evaluation Project Rubric**

**Formative Grades**

Article Selected on dues date (10 points) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Preparation (20 points) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* Class time is used well.
* Required format is followed.
* Is respectful of others work time.
* Completed analysis sheet.

**Midterm Grades**

Content of Report (50 points) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* Main claim is clearly stated (thesis statement).
* Evidence for claim is presented.
* Analysis is thorough and clear.
* Conclusion is evident and matches the main claim.

Citation of Sources (10 points)

* Works cited list of references is present and in MLA style.
* Sources are referenced parenthetically in the text of the report.

Product Attention to Detail (10 points) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* Grammar mistakes are minimal.
* Spelling is correct and vocabulary is expressive.
* Paper is set up according to requirements on assignment.

100 points \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_