PAPER #4: MINI-RESEARCH PAPER
Rough draft due _______________
Conference date _______________
Final (revised) draft due _______________

Assignment:
- The mini-research paper is a position paper: a formal argument using a *minimum of three credible sources*, parenthetical citation and documentation. It is based on the topic you chose for your controversial issue/opinion paper (Paper #3) and incorporates sources that you will locate during our library visit and on your own. It utilizes 3 drafts: one with peer response, one with teacher feedback, and one to be graded.
- Length requirement: 4-6 pages long (no paper shorter than 4 pages will be read)
- This paper must contain MLA parenthetical citations for all source references (see Hacker manual) and
- Have a “Works Cited” page with all sources listed in MLA format. Each citation must be followed by a brief (about 150 words) descriptive paragraph—the *annotation* (we will discuss this more later)

Format:
- Use word processing (i.e. Microsoft Word), double spacing, 12-point font, Times or Times New Roman, and standard 1” margins.
- Provide a title page with the following information:
  
  Title of Paper  
  Your Name  
  Course and section numbers  
  Date the paper is due  
  Paper #1 Personal Narrative

You will need a *folder for this paper and each document should be in this order*:  
1. (On top) Your final paper  
2. Drafts #2 and #1 in that order  
3. Your checklist below  
4. Your peer response sheets  
5. Copies of all the sources cited in your paper (articles, etc.)

NOTE: No source should appear in the “Works Cited” list unless it is cited in your paper.

Steps for the Mini-Research Paper

- Clearly state your position on the controversial issue discussed in your opinion paper.
- Find at least three credible sources to support your argument. *Only one of these can be from the Internet.*
- Evaluate your sources (see pages 354-357 of your *Norton Field Guide* book).
- Read and write notes about your sources.
- Develop relationships between your sources.
- Rework your thesis statement if needed.
- Write the rough draft.
- Conference.
- Revision/Rewrite.
- Peer edit.
- Turn in final draft with all research materials, drafts, articles, etc. in your folder.

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The purpose of this sheet is to help you with your annotations. You are not required to turn it in.

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Brief description of the source (i.e. what is the article about?)

Why did you choose this source? How does it support your argument?