**Senior Research Project Burge**

For the final research project of your high school career, I am giving you a break. Often students attempt to write a research paper without doing thorough research first. If you are thorough and organized when you do your research, the writing of the paper is much easier. It does not write itself, but the foundations are there, so for this project, you are going to do all the research and skip the actual paper writing. Instead, we will write an essay based on your research for your final exam.

A successful project must have all of the following:

**Research Material:**

* 75 pages of reading material about your topic from credible, college-level sources.
* At least one source from a peer-reviewed academic journal.
* A minimum of four sources

**For Each Source:**

* Paragraph by Paragraph notes: **Due May 16-17**
* Thesis statements that show what claims the authors make in the article or study:   
  **Due May 20-23**
* Two quotes or passages to be paraphrased in service of your thesis statement: **Due May 20-23**
* MLA citation information: **Due May 24-25**

**Finally, to complete your project you must include:** A thesis statement that addresses all of your sources. Synthesize the information that you have read into one overarching claim. This should be sophisticated and structurally complex.

* An outline with a logical order of information that includes claims, quotes, paraphrases, and MLA parenthetical citations from your research. This is the information that you would tie together in a larger finished project.
* A Works Cited page that addresses all of your sources in standard MLA Format
* **All Due May 24-25**

**Resources:**[Google Scholar](https://scholar.google.com/)  
[MLA Formatting Guide: OWL](https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/01/)   
[Finding Credible Sources](https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/588/02/)