**Sojourner Douglass College – Owings Mills Campus**

Spring Semester 2015 English Composition II

Independent Study Assignment Guide

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**Extended Assignment # 1**

Directions: Complete an Outline for an argument **essay** by following these steps:

(This **essay** will lay the foundation for your research paper.)

1. Pick a topic question from the lists on the (judithbrookssmith.org) Website or one of your interest**. (3/25/15)**
2. Read the description of an argument essay on the English Composition II page of the Website. **(3/25/15)**
3. Decide your answer to the question; this answer is your beginning thesis. **(3/25/15)**
4. Write down everything you know about the topic; this step is your brainstorming. (**3/25/15)**
5. Talk to your friends or family to find out what they know or have heard or read recently about the topic; have them give you the source if they know it. This step begins your data gathering process**. (4/1/15)**
6. Look at some of the research articles or websites under that topic. (Complete at least 20 annotated note cards.) The format for the annotated note cards is on the (judithbrookssmith.org) Website. **(4/8/15)**
7. Look back at your question and answer in # 3 above. After gathering information, you may want to change your answer. Begin the Outline of an Argument Essay by completing the Introductory Points and Thesis Statement (and refutation Points, if needed) on the Basic 5-Paragraph (Argument) Essay Outline template from the Website. **(4/8/15)**
8. Write down 3 or more best reasons for your answer; these are your major points for the body of your essay.Write these topics as the major points on the Basic 5-Paragraph (Argument) Essay Outline template from the Website. **(4/15/15)**
9. Using those reasons, look at the articles you've read, or the ideas you've already written down for some evidence to support those reasons (This information is the detail or example for each topic sentence). **(4/22/15)**
10. Complete your template outline to include the Conclusion Points. Completed template is due **4/22/15.**

**Extended Assignment II – Due April 29, 2015**

Directions: Read the document, “Writing in Stages: The Process Approach” to write a five paragraph essay based on the Basic 5-Paragraph (Argument) Essay Outline template from the Website completed in Extended Assignment I.

(This essay will be your abstract for your final research paper due at the end of the semester.)

1. Include all stages of the Writing in Stages: The Process Approach in the assignment that is submitted
2. Include all of the Steps in Writing Process:
3. Brainstorming Essay Questions(Hand-written)
4. Web (Hand-written)
5. Template (Hand-written)
6. Draft (Hand-written)
7. Final copy (Word Processed)
8. Use APA Format (See Example)

**Extended Assignments – Weeks 11- 15 (Due 6/10/15)**

**Directions: Complete a research paper (per course syllabus) based on your 5 paragraph essay (abstract) following the timetable outlined below.**

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| **Assigned Week #** **(due following week)** | **Reading Pages from Textbook** | **Topic of Reading/** **Area of Research Paper to be Submitted**  |
|  Week 11 – 5/06/15  | 146-147 | Thesis Statement of Research Papers (review) |
|  Week 11 – 5/06/15 | 148-149 | Title of Research Papers (Review) |
| Week 11 – 5/06/15 | 150-153 | Use of Computers  |
| Week 12 – 5/13/15 | 154-158 | Drafting (Review) |
| Week 12 – 5/13/15 | 158-163 | Introduction to Research Paper (Review) |
| Week 12 – 5/20/15 | 163-172 | Body and Conclusion (Review) |
| Week 13 – 5/27/15 | 172-174 | Revisions |
| Week 14 – 6/03/15 | 174-180 | Edits and References |
| Week 15 – 6/10/15 | - | **Final Copy of Research Paper Due Week 15** |