

Ludlow High School Library



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American Literature - Research Paper

Post-Research Survey

Research & Writing Tools

Google Documents

[Instructions for Creating a Google Documents Account \(pdf\)](#)

You will create an account to use Google Documents for online note taking and working on your research paper. Google Docs will enable you to save your notes, articles and sources online so they are accessible to you anywhere that you're working on your project.

Mr. Woodman has created a Research Worksheet that you are required to use for this project. Once you have created your Google Documents account you will be able to access a template for the worksheet.

MLA Formatting & Citation Guide

This is a comprehensive online guide to MLA format, created by the Online Writing Lab at Purdue University. The LHS Library also has multiple copies of the MLA Handbook for your reference.

Resources for your project:

Online Databases:

Please see a member of the Library staff for the usernames and/or passwords you will need to access these resources.

Literary Criticism

- **Literary Reference Center:**
Offers literary criticism and biographical information on hundreds of classic and contemporary authors and poets.
- **Contemporary Literary Criticism:**
Offers literary criticism and overviews on modern authors and works published since 1950.

Controversial Issues & Opinions

- **Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center**
Use this database to research different points of view on controversial issues. Includes articles and editorials from magazines and newspapers, as well as books from Gale's Opposing Viewpoints series.

Useful Websites

- **Procon.org**
This site is run by a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to critical thinking and informed debate. Check out their issue sites presenting information on a variety of controversial topics.
- **International Debate Education Association**
Search IDEA's Debatabase to see if your topic is covered. Each topic briefing includes and general overview, pro and con arguments, and sources for more information.

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