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Today's Assignment

1. Finish Annotated Bibliography.
 - a. Put MLA Heading on it.
 - b. Print out.
 - c. Turn in.
2. Type out thesis statement.
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 - b. Print out.
 - c. Turn in.
3. Complete 1 body paragraph following the format below.
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BODY PARAGRAPHS

1. Topic Sentence: Your topic sentence should describe what you will discuss in the paragraph and why you will be discussing it (the answer to why you are discussing it should always be because you are proving your thesis statement).
2. Background/ Outside Information: This is the information that you already know about the topic of the paragraph. This information usually comes from secondary sources and is not a quote. This information is factual information that you have gathered elsewhere.
3. Introduction of Quote/ Evidence: This is where you make the audience aware of the fact that specific evidence is about to be presented. Introduce your quotations. Ex: According to... "..."
4. Evidence/ Direct Quotations: This is a very important part of the body paragraph! It is where you support your argument with a quote or statistic which comes from the provided documents. This quote is what proves your thesis/argument to be correct. Each quote should be no more than 2 sentences; anything beyond those 2 sentences must be explained in your own words.
5. Explanation of Evidence: After every quote you must explain what the quote means in your own words and explain why the quote is important enough to include in your paragraph.
6. Connection of Evidence to Thesis Statement: This is where you end the paragraph by stating how you have just proven your thesis statement to be correct. Connect what you have just discussed and your evidence to your argument and really explain why your argument is correct!