1. Individual Written Argument (3-5 pages)

Read and analyze the provided stimulus materials to identify thematic connections among the sources and possible areas for inquiry.

Compose a research question of your own prompted by analysis of the stimulus materials. Your question must relate to a theme that connects at least two of the stimulus materials.

Gather information from a range of additional sources representing a variety of perspectives, including scholarly work.

Analyze, evaluate, and select evidence. Interpret the evidence to develop a well-reasoned argument that answers the research question and conveys your perspective.

Throughout your research, continually revisit and refine your original research question to ensure that the evidence you gather addresses your purpose and focus.

Identify and evaluate opposing or alternate views and consider their implications and/or limitations as you develop resolutions, conclusions, or solutions to your research question.

Compose a coherent, convincing and well-written argument in which you:

- Explain the significance or importance of your research question by situating it within a larger context.
- Establish a well-organized argument that links claims and evidence and leads to a specific and plausible conclusion, resolution or solution that addresses your research question.
- Integrate at least one of the stimulus materials as part of your argument. (For example, as providing relevant context for the research question or as evidence to support relevant claims.)
- Evaluate different perspectives by considering objections to them, and their limitations and/or implications.
- Include relevant evidence from credible sources to support your claims. You should include evidence from scholarly work.
- Cite in MLA format, all sources that you have used, including the stimulus materials, and include a list of works cited.
- Use correct grammar and a style appropriate for an academic audience. Please abide by the five page limit.