Due Dates

- **Monday, October 30:** Essay 3 Assignment Lecture and Overview
- **Monday, November 6:** First draft due for writing session – meeting writing lab
- **Wednesday, November 8 and Friday, November 10:** One-on-one writing conference with instructor
- **Monday, November 13:** Copy of draft (electronic or hard copy) due for peer review.
- **Wednesday, November 15:** Final draft due on MyCS by 11:00 pm. No paper copy required.

Evaluation

- Your essay grade will be out of 100 points (35% of overall 80% essay grade).

Nature of Assignment

- Select a controversial topic of your choice, one not covered in Chapter 14, and it MUST approved by your instructor.
- This assignment is a research paper requiring at least 3 secondary sources in MLA format.
- One-on-one student/instructor conferences will be conducted for this paper.
- This essay weighs more against the overall course average than the others for this class.

Research Requirement

- **Three sources at minimum are required,** including at least one book and one professional journal article.
- Being present during library orientation will be crucial for you to differentiate.

Your **VOICE** should be that of the journal articles you will read while conducting research:
- Do not use personal pronouns (I, me, my, you, your, we, us, etc).
- Do not use contractions.
- Do not use rhetorical questions.
- Speak to your audience as if they already know the basics of your topic.

Your **CONTENT** should still be clear, descriptive, and easy to follow:
- Form and defend a clear message for your reader.
- Don’t “ride the fence.” Take a clear stance.
- Your research should *enhance* your argument, not drive it.

As for **FORMATTING,** make sure your paper meets the following requirements:
- 700-1,000 words
- MLA student header (your name, my name, the course title, and the paper’s due date)
- Double-spaced
- 12-point Times New Roman font
- One-inch margins
- Works Cited Page and in-text citations required