CALL TO ACTION: RESEARCH PAPER

For this paper, you will identify a pressing issue/problem within a discourse community that you are (or were) a member of and write a call to action—a suggestion of what people should do to fix the issue—supported by research.

THE ASSIGNMENT: The final version will be a thesis-driven research paper of 1,500-2,000 words. The thesis will be your call to action. In the body of your paper, you will incorporate your research to support the call to action. The final paper should include at least two scholarly sources (peer reviewed from City Tech's library databases) and two general sources (such as newspaper articles, magazine articles, or podcasts).

EXTRA CREDIT OPPORTUNITY: Interview 1 or 2 members of your discourse community about the issue that you've chosen to write about. Ask your interviewee at least five questions. Include the interview as a source in your paper by quoting them. When you turn in the final paper to me, send me proof of the interview (an audio file, a video, a forwarded email, screenshotted texts, etc.).

If you quote them in the paper and send me proof of the interview, you get 10% extra credit for interviewing one person and 20% extra credit for interviewing two people.

TARGET AUDIENCE: Your classmates and Amber will be the target audience, so for this paper you're writing within an academic context. Your audience may not know much about the discourse community that you are talking about, so you may need to give some context about the discourse community and the issue it faces in your paper.

Note: After this project, you will remix the research paper into a new genre. The new audience will be the discourse community that you've been writing about. So you're writing to an academic audience for this paper, but you'll approach the issue again through a new genre for a new audience later in the semester.

FORMATTING: MLA style

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS: I only accept Word documents (.doc or .docx), no PDFS or links to Google docs. If you write your paper in Google docs, you can download it and then email it.

TIMELINE:
Below is a list for the most important due dates for this project. See the "course calendar with readings" for more information about readings and writing workshops that will supplement these due dates.

Discussion board post due 5PM on 10/1: Post your research proposal

Discussion board post due by 5PM on 10/15: Submit your annotated bibliography

Wednesday 10/30- Bring in three printed copies of your call to action paper for peer review

Monday 11/04- Submit your call to action paper via email (aslater@citytech.cuny.edu) by the start of class for feedback and grading.