

ENG 1101
FIRST YEAR WRITING-OER
Research Module on Gentrification
Research Essay Handout 2: Brainstorming and Key Words

DUE:

What neighborhood/area of New York City are you researching?

Write your current thesis statement. This can be drawn from or the same as Essay 3.

Describe physical attributes related to the research option you chose. Examples: describe your neighborhood before and after gentrification, describe the situation of someone affected by a change in schools, economics, housing, or security. What terms come up within this description?

Describe long-term consequences related to the topic you are considering. Examples: what might the economic shifts the come from gentrification lead to? What is the long-term effect of this change on the wider population?

How have these changes lessened negative effects, increased positive effects, or eradicated or created a particular problem?

What **search terms** might you use in the library to find more information about your topic? Come up with five related search words or phrases.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

What can you do this weekend, to deepen your thought on this topic? (Hint: It has something to do with your free *New York Times* subscription. Activate and use it!)



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