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│       ENG 1101          │
│      Fall 2015          │
│   RESEARCH ESSAY        │
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MLA Format
Work Cited page required
Page count: see below
Planning sheet and Brainstorming Sheets required
A formatted Works Cited page.
See length requirements below

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│ Begin brainstorming and researching your topic. Note: │
│   • Library Visit: Monday, Nov. 16 at 11:30 am   │
│   Meet in front of the Library, Atrium Building, 4ᵗʰ Floor│
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│ DUE: Wed., Nov. 25. A brief summary for each of your three   │
│ sources and the completed Planning Sheet.   │
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│ DUE: Wed., Dec. 2. Complete Research Essay. Research Essays │
│ without a Works Cited page will not be accepted.   │
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A research paper is any paper in which you have used secondary sources to help support *your analysis*. A research paper uses the Modern Language Association (MLA) style, with a Works Cited page showing all of the sources you've used and in-text citations (also called parenthetical citations) used for all direct quotations and paraphrases from your sources. A research paper asks you to synthesize and support your own ideas with those of others.   Your final grade on this essay will include assessment of how well you have integrated your ideas with the ideas in the text. You will receive a grading rubric in advance to understand how your grade will be assessed.

ASSIGNMENT:
For this research assignment, you will write an essay that systematically considers the question:
What is the relationship between technology and ethics?

To narrow your topic and area of research, consider these potential sub-topics, organized here by field of study at City Tech:
   • **Nursing/Radiation Technology/Health**: patients' rights/ health care system regulations; stem cell or genetic coding/research; current health care policies; use or misuse of hormones or "performance enhancing drugs" by athletes; issues related to abortion services; euthanasia
   • **Computer technology**: issues of security, privacy, and copyright; ethics of video gaming (violence/inappropriate imagery); computer technology and the military; ethical hacking; issues of surveillance (security, policing, military).
   • **Graphic Design**: mass consumerism vs. social responsibility; working for companies whose products may be considered by some to be "unethical" (such as cigarette companies); use and misuse of "branding"; plagiarism
   • **Hospitality management**: honesty and tourism; food distribution issues; issues related to organic food regulations or GMOs; (food writing) plagiarism
   • **Professional and Technical Writing:** plagiarism; copyright issues; working for companies whose products may be considered by some to be "unethical" (such as cigarette companies);
   • **Entertainment Technology:** plagiarism; file sharing; portrayals of violence in music or video gaming; the use of music by the military as a tool for torture; portrayals of violence in rap or hip-hop music

Remember: though your thesis statement might clarify your opinion regarding whether or not a particular issue is "right" or "wrong," your overall argument must consider **the role technology plays** in these ethical issues. Your research should focus on one of the above sub-topics. If you have a sub-topic that is not mentioned above, this might be acceptable, but please discuss this with me first.

Your thesis should identify an ethical issue in a stated area of focus and take a position on the issue. Consider how your discipline has changed within past ten years. Often technology plays a part in these changes.

> *Example:* As a graphic design student and an animator, I have considered the effects that violent images have on their viewers, images that have grown increasingly more realistic. However, I believe that artists should have the freedom to create products without censorship and that what we need is a better method of labeling the types of violence that products such as video games contain.

> When I consider the role of technology in the discipline of _____, I am most interested in exploring the issue of _____. In response to this issue/dilemma, I believe _____
> _____
> _____

OUTSIDE SOURCES:
>   You must integrate three sources into your paper:
1. "Five Minds for the Future" by Howard Gardner (an essay in your textbook)
2. One article your instructor has found on the library databases that relates to technology and ethics. This will be provided to you after our library visit.
3. One article you've found independently, us the general search engines **Academic Search Complete** or **Lexis Nexis**.

GENERAL ESSAY STRUCTURE:
While you will receive a planning sheet, your essay must demonstrate a clear understanding of the classic essay structure:
1. An opening paragraph introducing the topic and your thesis.
2. Three distinct "body" sections with a clear, focused point of support for your thesis. Each section may include more than one paragraph.
3. A concluding paragraph that thoughtfully draws your already argued thesis and points of support together
4. Clear transitions between sections and between your ideas and your references to your sources.
5. A separate Works Cited page identifying your two library sources and the class text and in-text citations for all sources

Suggested Organization:
1. Your research might start with a description of the problem or ethical dilemma you are exploring and **show how technology has influenced this dilemma** in society, your personal life experience, or in your future professional life.
2. Your essay might continue with one way you believe **the type of technology explored in your paper might be used to improve society** in some ethical manner (such as safer, healthier, better educated, less violent, more honest, or other).
3. Your essay might continue with a discussion of how considering this dilemma or the solution you are advocating for relates to the necessary development of one of specific type of mind described in Howard Gardner's "Five Minds for the Future" and **why the aspect of technology explored in your paper could influence this development**.

LENGTH REQUIREMENT:
A very well written 3 ½ page paper may qualify for a C.

A very well written 4 page paper may qualify for a B.
A very well written 4 ½ page paper may qualify for an A.

- These page counts do not *guarantee* the above grade.
- These page counts do not include the separate Work Cited page, the Planning Sheet, or the Brainstorming sheet.
- You cannot turn in the essay without a Works Cited page

GRADING:

You will receive a grading rubric to better understand how I will assess your final grade. As you work remember that this assignment is intended to help you:

- learn to research a topic and to incorporate sources into your writing;
- learn to integrate class readings and to own personal experiences;
- learn to focus each paragraph on a specific subject;
- learn to start each paragraph with a topic sentence;
- learn to use transition statements to move the reader from topic to topic;
- learn to quote from and respond to our assigned readings;
- learn to cite quotations parenthetically according to MLA format;
- learn to write with clear, grammatically correct prose.

These skills will be factored into your final grade.