**Research #1 - Immigration Policy**

This Research Paper will consist of a 1000 to 1200-word essay from the assigned topic listed below. Please choose your words carefully and make sure your paper is no longer than 1400 words with your citations. Put your name at the top, skip a line and then start writing. Be sure to focus on relevant information and not extraneous personal information like exact birth dates, siblings, pets, mother’s/father’s occupation, etc. Here is a good place to find source material: [https://www.nctc.edu/library/research-help/subject-guides/government.html (Links to an external site.)](https://www.nctc.edu/library/research-help/subject-guides/government.html) Make sure your discussion is significant to the topic at hand and researches/discusses both sides of each issue. In your conclusion, discuss your own opinions on the subject; for or against, etc. and justify that conclusion!

Make sure to cite **ALL** your quotes and use APA or MLA format for citations/sources. Failure to cite your quotes is plagiarism, and you will be counted off for that. Also, do not cite more than 10%, or 100 words, of your paper. Using encyclopedias and encyclopedic websites (about.com or wikipedia.com), or grade school websites, will count against you! Do **NOT** quote your instructor or textbook. This is supposed to be **OUTSIDE** research, so make good use of the books, magazines, journals, reports, and government/education websites.

**Each paper or project is worth 50 points towards your final grade, and paper points are assigned as follows:**

**5 points** – Is the length correct?

**12 points**– Covered subject matter w/o grammatical, spelling, or sentence errors?

**10 points** – Is there a conclusion? Was it a high-quality conclusion?

**8 points** – 4 or more “good” sources? (You will lose points for using wikipedia.com, about.com, or any encyclopedic site, as a source. You also lose points for using your textbook or instructor as a source.)

**15 points** – Quality of your paper. (Answers the questions, sticks to subject, no excessive quoting, no awkward spots, and has good flow?)

**Paper #1 Due March 8th**– America was founded on the idea that we are a country that is supposed to welcome immigrants, since we were founded by immigrants and immigration has always been a huge part of our national growth. The poem on the Statue of Liberty expresses how many have felt about immigration to the US in the past, but not so much today. How has immigration changed under President Trump? What have we seen with the annual number of immigrants coming into our country legally and illegally? What was the recent announcement by Governor Abbott on legal immigration to Texas? What affect do you think these policies have had and will have on our economy? Do you think these policies are a good thing, that we should continue into the future, or not, and why? ***Although your conclusion is your opinion be careful NOT to use “I” or “we.” Personal pronouns are not to be used in a formal research paper, which this is, even though it is a bit short. Just say it like you mean it, and it is a fact.***