**Communication Research Essay (20%)**

The single biggest problem in communication is the illusion that is has taken place.

—George Bernard Shaw

**Assignment**: We have analyzed a variety of texts that distinguish how people communicate. For this essay, you will select a concept about communication that you would like to explore; then, in a ***4-5 page essay***, not including the works cited page, argue your point about the concept by crafting a well-researched and persuasive paper.

**Choose one of the following topics to discuss:**

* Communication between genders (including within the same gender)
* Cross cultural communication between ethnic, religious, or racial groups
* Unique communication challenges faced by bicultural persons
* Cross-generational communication (i.e., parents and children or children and grandparents)
* Communication in the workplace
* Communication between students and teachers
* Communication between teens
* Another topic approved by the instructor

**Example Thesis:** Men and women communicate ineffectively because of differences in tone, body language, and social norms.

**Guidelines:**

1. You must use at least ***four-five secondary sources*** from the library database, books, credible websites (no more than 2), journal articles etc. that are college level in this essay, and integrate the quotations and paraphrases using running acknowledgments or parenthetical citations that correspond to the works cited page. (See MLA sample paper in D2L, Essay Outline, ask me, or ask a librarian.) (No more than one block quote may be used.)
2. The essay must be written in MLA Format. (See MLA sample paper in D2L.)
3. Avoid Plagiarism (Review Plagiarism Workshop)
4. Include a Works Cited page. (See MLA sample paper in D2L.)
5. Remember to proofread. (Do not use first person I/We/Us pronouns) (\*You may take the final draft of the essay to the TLC or send it to at least two days before the due date to earn an extra 2-points on the essay. You must turn in the corrected draft with the essay to get the points.)
6. Do not forget to look at the opposition’s point of view. (See sample Essay on Technology in D2L)
   1. Address the opposing viewpoint.
   2. Provide examples and evidence for the opposing viewpoint.
   3. Refute the opposing viewpoint; discuss why your argument is the stronger one.