## Independent Writing Review



One of the key learning standards being addressed in the new ELA Common CORE standards is the ability for students to research, formulate a position/opinion, and prove their findings with evidence from text.

Each quarter you will be responsible for creating 10 entries in your Google That notebook. This can be any type of notebook you choose. Composition books work great, spiral notebooks are fine, and email documents are also accepted.

Your task is to research and Google questions that arise in your day-to-day life. Many times you probably ask yourself, "I wonder why it is called that?" or "I wonder who came up with that?" or "How did they get the name for that". When these questions come up, write them down, because each quarter you will create 10 entries in your Google That notebook.

Your entries should include:

- \*The question you Googled
- \*A seven to ten sentence summary explaining the answer! Remember-USE RELIABLE SOURCES LIKE I SHOWED YOU IN CLASS! Wikipedia, Yahoo Answers, Wiki Answers and other public answered sites are NOT reliable sources. They can be a starting point but should NOT be what you use as your research. Your summary should explain everything I would need to know to understand the answer to the question you asked.
- \*At least 1 citation (remember we went over these in class...a citation is an exact sentence from the website article/report you are reading placed in quotation marks)
- \*A bibliography listing ALL the sites you used to get your information to answer your questions.

This long-term project is worth 100 points and is a HUGE part of your grade in my class. Don't be silly and wait until the last minute to get it done-you DON'T want to be up the night before Googling 10 questions and writing 10 paragraph responses! Do ONE a week! ©

\*\*I will NOT accept late GOOGLE THAT notebooks-the only exception is an absence/illness\*\*