

## **Handout: Research Draft #1 and #2**

### **First Draft**

**Due Sunday, November 8, midnight on Moodle. Also, please print and bring 3 copies to class (2 for your classmates and 1 for yourself to take notes on).**

The First Draft is not a rough outline of your paper, but rather the first version of your entire paper, including the introduction and thesis, arguments, citations and conclusions. It should be between 8 and 12 pages long. Please follow the MLA formatting for research papers explained in Hacker's Manual, section 34a. In section 34b you will find sample papers. There is also a sample paper in Inquiry Matters, p. 77-93. The more polished your First Draft is, the fewer revisions you will need to work on later. You will receive feedback on your First Draft from two of your classmates in class and your instructor Dr. Halvorson during an individual conference. You may also make an appointment at the Writing Center for more feedback.

Assessment: Pass/Fail.

### **Second Draft**

**Due Mon, November 23, midnight on Moodle.**

The Second Draft is a revised version of your paper based on the feedback you received from your classmates, your instructor and/or the writing tutor. Since the Second Draft will be submitted electronically, your instructor will compare the two drafts side by side and go over the changes and suggestions in the second individual conference. If you haven't scheduled an appointment with a writing tutor for your First Draft, do it for your Second Draft. After the Second Draft, you should have to do only minor revisions for the final version – the Research Paper, such as editing grammar, punctuation or spelling.

Assessment: Pass/Fail.