Once again, it’s time for RESEARCH!! YIPPEEE!!!

For this assignment you will be required to write a research paper on ONE of the following topics:

1. **Monsters in our Society:**Victor Frankenstein creates a monster that ends up becoming a plague on society, killing innocent people. Research, develop a thesis, and write about a manmade problem that you think is currently harming our society.
2. **The Prometheseus Problem:** Many would argue that Frankenstein oversteps the ethical boundaries of science when he creates the monster. Research, develop a thesis, and write about a scientific discovery or invention with an ethical debate surrounding it.
3. **Literary Analysis:** Research, develop a thesis, and write a literary analysis paper about *Frankenstein.*  You could look at characterization, Gothic elements, theme, or any other literary element.

Requirements:

* Your paper must be 5-7 pages long, double-spaced, and Times New Roman 12-point font. It must also include a works cited page.
* You must use MLA parenthetical documentation for all ideas which are not your own and list all of your sources in a properly documented works cited page.
* You may only use credible sources (no Wikipedia or citing something as google.com)
* Use the Purdue OWL website (owl.english.purdue.edu) for directions on how to create notecards, write a thesis statement, use parenthetical documentation, and create a works cited.
* Use 15-21 summaries, paraphrases, or direct quotes in your paper (approx. 3 per source)

Standards: ELACC11-12RL1, ELACC11-12RI1, ELACC11-12W1, ELACC11-12L1, ELACC11-12W5

Steps to writing your paper:

**Thursday-Friday, January 16 & 17:** Select a topic and find sources in the media center.

**Tuesday, January 21:** Have working thesis statement at the beginning of class.

**Tuesday, January 21-Tuesday, January 28:** Read sources and take notes. Finalize your thesis

statement. (Progress check at the start of class on Friday, January 24; completed notes due January 28.)

**Friday, January 31:** Come to class with an outline (Progress check at the start of class on this date).

**Monday-Wednesday, February 3-5:** Write your rough draft with parenthetical documentation and a

completed works cited. (Progress check by the end of class on February 3).

**Thursday, February 6:** Start editing your paper.

**Friday, February 7:** Turn in your final research paper with your works cited stapled to the back by the

end of class.

**Things to keep in mind:**

Media center and lab time: We will be in the media center on January 16 & 17 and in the computer lab February 3-7. If you require additional lab or media center time to complete your assignment, you are responsible for making arrangements and going on your own time.

Plagiarism: You must use parenthetical documentation for any ideas that are not your own and put quotations marks around words and phrases you borrowed from another source. All papers will be checked for plagiarism and any instances of plagiarism will result in a zero for the assignment and parental contact, per FCHS policy.

Grading: Late papers will result in 10 points off per day. Please remember that this is worth 20% of your semester grade!