

## **IB Research / 4th Quarter / Spring 2010**

Welcome back from break -- and congratulations for completing the 1st half of IB Research. By this point you should have the following benchmarks completed:

- Research Proposal
- Signed Advisor Agreement
- Annotated Bibliography
- Notes on Sources
- Preliminary Outline
- 2000 Word Draft w/ Two Peer Reviews
- Turnitin Submission (2000 Draft)
- 4000 Word Draft

Once all of these benchmarks (along with the ancillary tasks listed in “Folder Check #2”) have been completed and compiled in your folder, you should move on to the 2nd half of our course.

Over the next quarter you will transform your 4000 word draft into a polished, strongly argued, well-researched, properly cited, near masterpiece of sophisticated academic writing. This will take diligence, effort, and dedication on your part.

During the remainder of April we will complete the following benchmarks / tasks:

- New Outline
- Completion of Introduction, Conclusion, and Abstract
- Citation and Style Review
- Two Peer Reviews (Using Complete Rubric)
- Turnitin Submission (4000 Draft / Abstract)
- One-on-one meeting / conference with me

For this week, use your time to make sure all prior benchmarks are completed and compiled in your folder. Then begin our next series of objectives starting with the construction of a new outline and the completion of properly formatted sections (including “Introduction,” “Conclusion,” and “Abstract”).

The new outline is important. Be thorough. Chart how your paper argues its case and progresses through its evidence and proof. Completing this outline will help you conceptualize the strong and weak points in your paper as well as help you determine where you should include appropriate section headings. Be sure your research questions and thesis is prominently featured at the top of your outline.

Remember to have your outline reflect the true state of your paper -- not some idealized (“if I had written it correctly ...”) state.

By Friday, I want a hard copy of your 4000 word draft with an Introduction, Conclusion, and Abstract attached to a new formal outline.

