

MT 3:

# Informational Essay

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Unit Three of Six

English 12: College Prep

# Texts

- Scholarly articles (from MT 2)
- News articles (from MT 2)

# Assessment

- **Research Essay**

- Using the question and sources from the annotated bibliography, write a semi-formal essay in which you state your question, provide information from sources answering the question, and determine what you believe to be the best answer or course of action.

# Standards Assessed

- W.12.2c Use appropriate and varied transitions and syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.
- W12.2f Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
- W.12.4 Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
- W.12.7 Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.

# Standards Assessed

- W.12.8b Integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and overreliance on any one source and following a standard format for citation.
- W.12.9 Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
- L.12.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
- L.12.2 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.

# Timeline

- Week of 12/2:
  - Assign Research Essay
  - Review plagiarism
  - Take notes on sources
  - Outline
- Week of 12/9:
  - Write rough draft
  - Peer Review
  - Self-Review
  - Revise
- Week of 12/16:
  - Research Essay due Monday, 12/16

# What Comes Next

- MT 4: Literary Essay
  - Texts: *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini
  - Assessment: Thematic Analysis Essay
- MT 5: Narrative Reading
  - Texts: *Macbeth* by William Shakespeare
  - Assessment: Socratic Seminar