RESEARCH PAPER PROPOSAL

- In Unit 3, you will not be writing a paper or essay: only a Rough Draft and Final Draft of your Research Proposal.
- What is a Research Proposal? It is a simply structured and formal document that explains what you plan to research.
 - I have provided you with the structure document you will complete.
- What are you researching?
 - Step 1: Choose a country that we have read the literature of in Unit 2 or Unit 3. Here is a list
 - India
 - Algeria
 - Egypt
 - Israel
 - Palestine
 - Syria
 - Iraq
 - Turkey
 - Armenia
 - Sri Lanka

Step 2: What cultural aspect of the country will you research? Only choose ONE.

- Architecture
- Business Customs
- Agricultural Practices
- Cuisine
- Arts/Entertainment
- Holidays
- Festivals
- Marriage
- Education
- Male/Female Roles
- Religion
- Important Landmarks/Tourism

Step 3: List 5 research questions on the topic for your country

Step 4: List 2 Sources in MLA9 format that you will be using to conduct your research.

Rough Draft: Please see the Document Organizer you are required to complete and submit. **Final Draft: Steps for Lesson 9 Final Draft**

1. Download the Eng10B U3 L09 Research Proposal Final Draft ORGANIZER

2. Write a specific thesis and 5 research questions. Your research questions should be more specific than the ones you wrote for the rough draft.

3. Use the research questions to find 5 strong, <u>reliable</u>, relevant sources. A list of suggested sources is in the portfolio documents section below.

4. Write MLA9 formatted citations for all sources. No points for hyperlinks! Refer to our <u>MLA 9</u> <u>Guidelines</u>. Use <u>www.mybib.com/tools/mla-citation-generator</u> (click MLA 9 and manual entry).

5. Write an annotation for each source, with 1) one sentence about what information the source has that is relevant to your topic, and 2) one sentence about why you think the source is reliable (Is the author an expert in the field? How do you know the author's background? Is there a knowledgeable editorial staff?). For help on annotations, read "Finding Relevant Sources and Evaluating Sources" on pp. 356–359 in Writing with Power.

6. Save and upload the Final Draft Organizer to the Lesson 9 dropbox. No research papers accepted! Unit 3 portfolios are only proposals.