Introduction to Anthropology, Psychology and Sociology Major Project

What is the future of humanity? What makes us human? Is society developing in a positive and constructive way? Is society deteriorating as a result of various social forces? What influences behaviour?

As part of the course, you will be responsible for completing independent research. You will research a specific issue/topic and complete three stages of the research process as found in the social sciences. The topic that you choose will be an area where there are currently studies being conducted. You will need to explain the topic/issue, present the issue from the perspective of one of the three disciplines (anthropology, psychology or sociology) and explore social scientists that are involved in the study of the topic. Only one student can cover each topic, so it is first come, first served.

The three components are:

1. **Annotated Bibliography**
   - The purpose of an annotated bibliography is a tool to be used while conducting research and evaluating sources. It is a bibliography of the sources that you have consulted during the research stage. Each source is paired with a paragraph explaining the importance of the source. Within the paragraph, you will explain how the source will be useful and what exactly it will add to your final paper.
   - You must include at least 10 sources within your annotated bibliography.
   - You must select at least three print sources for this section. You should be using the databases which are accessible through the school’s library website. Be aware of the type of sources that you are accessing. You should use websites that end in .org, .edu. or .gc.ca (.gov). You are looking for sources that are peer-reviewed.

2. **Written Proposal and Research:**
   - **Proposal:**
     - You will need to explain your topic in relation to how it is represented in society (social issue and relevance). You will also need to include a specific theory or theories (anthropological, psychological and/or sociological) and social scientists within your information.
   - You will submit the proposal sheet, completed in full (see attachment.) If you would like to reproduce the sheet (digital format on course webpage) and submit the information typed, you may do so or you can fill out the sheet given to you.

   - **Research:**
     - Use one piece of paper for each new source and record the bibliographical information (in APA format) at the top of the page.
     - Record page numbers in the column on the left hand side.
     - You will need at least:
       - 4-6 pages of research notes in total (Remember that this means full pages, if one or more of your sources have only ½ a page of information, you can still use it, but it is still only half a page)
       - 4-6 sources used with at least 2 print sources.
     - Remember:
       - Research notes must be in your own words or in quotation marks if a direct quote.
       - Research notes must be detailed but in point form... general rule of research is that you have 3 to 4 times the amount of research than is required for the final product.
3. Research Report

What is a Research Report?

😊 It is a concise overview of what has been studied, argued and established about a topic, and it is usually organized chronologically or thematically. You will pick one point of view within your topic and explore what research is available.

😊 It is not a summary, you are organizing information into sections that present themes, or trends. You are not listing all information, but evaluating what is currently out there to support your own research. Demonstrates why the writer’s research is useful, necessary and valid in regards to the topic.

😊 Presented in an essay format, but it is not an essay.

😊 Highlights specific arguments and ideas from within the field of study. This is in order to show what has been studied and to also show where there might be gaps in current research.

😊 The length of your research report will be approximately 4-5 pages. Using formal assignment guidelines (double-spaced, 12 TNR font, 1” margins, APA format, page numbers, Works Cited, Works Consulted etc...)

😊 It is important to obtain a variety of resources for your research, therefore you must use between 4-6 sources (minimum) These sources can NOT all be from Internet sites, you must include at least two print sources (books, journals, newspaper articles, etc...) and your should be including recent statistics and case studies.

😊 CITATIONS: You will need to cite all of your information. If you do not cite information in your paper, this will be considered plagiarism and a mark of zero will be given. Therefore, you are required to use in-text citations following APA format to record your information. This will be accompanied by a Works Cited page and a Works Consulted Page at the end of your report. These citation pages are in addition to your annotated bibliography. Remember having a Works Cited page does not make up for not citing the source of your information throughout the paper itself.

😊 You may include Appendixes within your research report, These are found at the back of your paper and may contain additional information that is important to your topic. This can include maps, charts, statistics, newspaper articles, etc... Appendixes are generally used to present information that does not fit into the body of the paper but is still important. It can also be information that is too long to include in the paper and therefore, a reference to a specific Appendix is stated within the body of the paper, which then refers the reader to the full document of information.

COURSE WEBPAGE:
All of the information, “how to....s,” and handouts are located on the course webpage. Go to St. Augustine S.S. homepage and click on departments on the horizontal menu across the top, then click on the course title that appears in the menu on the left hand side of the page under the heading Canadian and World Studies.
Marking Scheme (Each component will be marked separately.)

**Written Proposal:** 20 marks (***see proposal handout for rubric***)

- Knowledge: Information Provided 10 marks
- Thinking: Organization of information 10 marks

**Annotated Bibliography:** 20 marks

- Communication: Format of Annotated Bibliography 10 marks
- Application: Paragraphs for each entry 10 marks

### Communication:

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**Research Report:** 100 marks  
(See Attached Rubric)

**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

- Annotated Bibliography due: ________________________________
- Written Proposal and Research Sheets Due: ________________________________
- Research Report Due: ________________________________
- Library Dates: ________________________________________
- Computer Lab Dates: (Rm 231) ________________________________
If you are considering any of these topics, you will find information within your textbook. Please consult another source before you choose a topic. This will help you from being overwhelmed when trying to decide how to start your research. Remember you need to work with this topic for approximately 1 month, you must be able to enjoy finding out about it so that you do a great and interesting job. By the end of this assignment, you should be able to consider yourself an “expert” on the topic.