**Conspiracy Research Paper Eng. 102**

A conspiracy theory is a theory that surrounds a controversial topic or event. Conspiracy theories are never the official story that the public gets, they are theories that go against the official story that suggest a cover up of some sort. There are many conspiracy theories out there. Your job will be to research an event that has a conspiracy theory surrounding it and decide for yourself whether this conspiracy theory is true or not. Below is the outline that will be used to construct your writing; however, depending on your topic, the outline may have to be modified to fit what you are researching.

Research Process:

* Step #1: Pick Topic
* Step #2: Brainstorm
* Step #3: Complete Research & Create Annotated Bibliography (Minimum 8 – 4 for and 4 against – this might have to be modified a bit)
* Step #4: Outline
* Step #5: Rough Draft
* Step #6: Peer & Self Revisions
* Step #7: Final Draft

RESEARCH ESSAY: **100 points in the writing category**

**Paragraph #1: Introduction**

* Introduce your event and explain the controversy around it.
* Provide background information about your theory.
* Solid Thesis Statement

**Paragraph #2 – Reason 1 – For (may have to be modified)**

* State reasons/research “for” the conspiracy theory
* Explain why people state this reason as “proof” of conspiracy
* Use research from annotated bibliography

**Paragraph #3 – For (may have to be modified)**

* State reasons/research “for” the conspiracy theory
* Explain why people state this reason as “proof” of conspiracy
* Use research from annotated bibliography

**Paragraph #4 – Against (may have to be modified)**

* State reasons/research against the conspiracy
* Explain why people state this reason as “proof” of conspiracy
* Use research from annotated bibliography

**Paragraph #5 – Against (may have to be modified)**

* State reasons/research against the conspiracy
* Explain why people state this reason as “proof” of conspiracy
* Use research from annotated bibliography

**Paragraph #6: Conclusion**

* Re-state the conspiracy theory
* Summarize research/theory/sides
* Leave the reader thinking

**Paragraph #7 – Reflection**

* You can use this paragraph to give your final opinion and thoughts on the conspiracy topic you chose.
* What do you think?
* Your opinion

**All paragraphs should contain a minimum of 7-10 sentences using two sources within each body paragraph (2, 3, 4, and 5). Even though it’s indicated that you need 4 “for” and 4 “against,” it may have to be modified on the topic you choose. Ultimately, you will have 8 sources used in your research.**

**Works Cited Page**

Your research should include information about your topic that you have found from various reliable sources (minimum 8)Therefore, you need to have a works cited page, properly formatted, following MLA.