English 101-0900 Spring 2023

Documented Presentation Assignment

- Proposal due April 1st in class
- First Draft due April 15th **IN CLASS** **WITH** proposed researched source
- **Final Draft** due **May 6th** by the end of our class

No specific word count. You can choose the medium for this assignment. Some choices are:

- Essay
- Slide Show
- Performance

You will create a thesis based on the following question:

Do we choose our friends or do friendships just happen?

This is the third and final of our three assignments this semester. For this assignment, you need to use at least two researched sources. You will attempt to find one source in the BMCC Library and will show proof (a screenshot) of your search. Your final sources can come from anywhere. We will discuss in class how to select reputable sources. You can use the preliminary work we did in class.

For this presentation, I want you to think about the following:
1. What is your thesis statement? How will you prove your point?
2. Choose an example from your first source and explain what it means to you.
3. Choose an example from your second source and explain what it means to you.
4. In your conclusion refer back to your thesis, give your readers something to take away, something that you may have learned in your research, perhaps a further question that you could ask about the topic in future exploration. Make sure you close your question in a satisfactory way.
5. Your list of Works Cited will contain at least two sources.

Use correct MLA format in text citations, and a Works Cited list.

Rubric

A – The presentation has a strong thesis, stays focused, and refers back to the thesis in the conclusion. It contains three in text citations with supporting sources, one of which is found by you, using MLA format and a list of Works Cited.

B – The presentation has an understandable thesis. It is mostly clear and focused. It contains at least two in text citations from at least two sources, one of which is found by you.

C – The thesis is not entirely clear. The presentation is somewhat clear and focused. It contains at least one in text citation.

D – The presentation is mostly confusing. It contains no clear thesis, or no reference to the selected work.

F – There is no presentation.