English 1302 Injustice Research Essay (summative)

Our world is largely broken. While there are many beautiful people, miracles, and triumphs, we cannot deny that tragedy, hardship, and injustice permeates our lives and the world around us. Your task is to choose a problem or injustice, develop a position on the ethics of this issue, and propose a solution. Topics may range from the factory farming industry to the migrant caravan from Honduras. While topics may be political, this assignment is not intended as an avenue to lobby for certain political philosophies or religious beliefs. Use this opportunity to voice an injustice within our world and acknowledge its complexity and urgency.

Your task is to synthesize scholarly work to create an argument about a societal injustice in our world. You must choose your topic and decide the scope of your research. You can include historical and modern scholarship relating to your idea, and you have the choice to branch out into many fields of study. Regardless, all research must be published scholarly work, credible news sources, or historical primary sources. The purpose of a synthesis paper is to engage experts in a conversation about your topic and ultimately come to a greater conclusion and possible solution about your research problem. You will also use *Mistakes Were Made* as your primary source, as the book discusses many injustices.

Using MLA format, write no less than 1,000 words (maximum 1,500 words). Cite your sources by including a works cited page (not included in length) for each writing piece. You will incorporate at least five secondary sources (max 7 sources) AND *Mistakes Were Made* in the essay. Incorporation means directly quoting these sources at least once. After quote minimums are met, documented paraphrasing is acceptable. At least one source is required to be a visual of some sort (chart, graph, etc.), which will be included in the essay as a direct reference (no more than two visual sources). Only one source can be a news source but is not required. You cannot use abstracts, summaries, or reviews. Read and use the full-length text only. You may use only one block quote (a quote that is 4+ lines), and keep in mind that many long quotes in your essay detract from your own voice and will be considered when looking at word count.

**The essay is due on Tuesday, February 18.** All essays must be submitted to turnitin.com by 7:25 a.m. and hard copy in class on the due date. If you are absent, you are still required to submit your paper by the deadline or it WILL be counted late. If you are absent, the hard copy is due immediately upon your return to school. Failure to meet this expectation will result in a late penalty. KHS policy regarding late work will be followed.

In addition, any essay that does not meet the minimum requirements for sources, word count, etc. will be awarded a grade no higher than a 68. Failure to format correctly will result in up to -10 points on the final grade.

Finally, there will be several checkpoints on this essay to ensure you will meet the final deadline. These due dates are noted on the calendar for your benefit. Keep up with all the due dates. All work must be submitted in proper format. You have already completed research in the fall, so this process will be more independent than before. Other questions? Be sure to ask! I am available to help you during scheduled appointments and tutoring (Monday/Thursday B-Block). You may also contact me via email or Remind. Due dates:

**Research Proposal:** January 13

**5 Secondary Source Research Logs and 5 Annotated Sources:** January 24

**Writing Workshop First Full Draft:** January 29/30

*Remember writing workshop policy= this cannot be submitted late. You either have it online and printed for class or you do not. You will receive a permanent zero if you do not participate. If absent, submit online, pick up a writing workshop peer edit sheet, have a friend edit it, and submit this with the final copy. Online submission will be graded. Remember you need TWO copies with your ID number replacing your name.

**Final essay:** February 18