Purpose of Assignment: To integrate and cite multiple sources to support an original, thoughtful, well-developed argument.

General Description of Assignment: Write a persuasive, documented essay on a topic that is addressed in Fast Food Nation. Support your argument with at least two additional outside sources.

Example topics:
- the effect of fast food companies overseas (globalization of fast food)
- the effect of advertising for fast food products on children
- whose responsibility is it (parents, the community, individuals) to eat right?
- worker safety
- food safety
- worker training
- benefits to workers
- treatment of animals used for food
- monopolies/control of the food industry by major corporations
- the effect of the fast food industry on the widening rich/poor gap
- exploitation of young or migrant workers
- government regulation of the food industry

Basic Requirements:
- 3-5 pages, typed, double spaced, in MLA format
- Refer to Fast Food Nation and at least two other sources with in-text citations and a Works Cited
- No late papers will be accepted, and no part of the assignment will be accepted by email

DUE DATES
Annotated Sources
Bring all of your sources to class on ____________. The sources should be annotated and highlighted/underlined. You should be well prepared to discuss how you will be using your sources in your essay. The sources will not be collected.

Rough Draft
The rough draft of the essay must be a typed, double-spaced copy of the complete essay including citations and a Works Cited. You will not have much time to revise it after this date, so it should represent your absolute best effort. You will work on the draft in a small group in class on ____________. It will not be collected.

Final Draft
You must turn in the final draft including a Works Cited, the rough draft, your peer review sheet, and annotated copies of all sources (excluding Fast Food Nation) in class on ____________.
Peer Review of Documented Essay

Directions: Trade papers with a partner. Read your partner’s essay and answer the following questions about it. When you finish, return his/her paper to him/her. Discuss any suggestions you may have for improving the essay. When you get yours back, make sure you understand your partner’s comments. Before you leave, take advantage of the opportunity to ask me any questions you may have before turning everything in for a grade.

Note: The essay should be like any other essay in terms of structure. It should have a clear introduction that introduces the topic, a strong thesis statement that makes an argument, body paragraphs that provide support from sources with proper citations, a conclusion, and a Works Cited that gives full citation information for each of the sources referred to in the essay.

1. What is the writer’s topic? ____________________________
2. Who is the audience? ____________________________
3. How many pages is the essay?____ Is it long enough (3-5 pages typed, double spaced)? yes / no
4. Does the introduction get the reader’s attention & lead up to the thesis statement? yes / no
5. Find the thesis statement. Does the thesis statement state the topic? yes / no
6. Does the thesis statement make an argument or simply state a fact? ______________
7. Does the essay contain enough quotes, paraphrases, summaries, facts, details, etc. to support the thesis statement? yes / no If not, mark which points need more supporting examples.
8. Are all the references properly documented either with signal phrases or parenthetical citations? yes / no If not, mark which ones need to be.
9. Are all the quotes and paraphrases “sandwiched” in between the writer’s argument? yes / no If not, mark which ones need “bread.”
10. Are all the sources listed in the Works Cited actually referred to in the body of the essay? yes / no If not, mark which ones need to be either used in the paper or removed from the Works Cited. (If there are any sources referred to in the paper that are not on the Works Cited list, mark these as well.)
11. How many sources are actually used? ______________
12. Does the essay have a clear conclusion? yes / no