**Research Argumentative Report**

**Writing Situation:**

Very few authors write books in order to offend. Most write with their audience in mind, not always realizing the way a storyline may be interpreted. Many don’t realize that even the most innocent of books may still cause controversy.

**Writing Assignment:**

In an argumentative essay, research claims by an individual or group against a chosen book that has been either challenged or banned. Using your research, argue whether these claims are justified. Be sure to include what it means to challenge and/or ban a book and the process that must be followed, as well as provide a brief synopsis of the book.

**Specifics:**

* research is expected
* MLA formatting must be followed (internal citations, headers, etc.)
* Sources – minimum of 4, maximum of 6
* essay must be student’s own work
* Should not contain any first or second person language (I, me, us, you, your, etc.)
* May not have more than 2 direct quotes and quotes must be placed in quotation marks
* Number of pages – minimum of 2 pages, maximum of 4 pages (paper should exhibit clear introduction, sufficient body, clear conclusion)
* title of essay should be included

**Essay Set-Up Reminders:**

* Essay must be double-spaced (2.0)
* Essay must be in Times New Roman font
* Font size must be size 12
* You must have headers, right-aligned, with your last name & page number (ex: Ussery 1)
* The first line of each paragraph must be indented (press TAB button ***once*** only)
* You must have a separate last page which will be your Works Cited page, formatted correctly (appropriately numbered header, title of Works Cited, alphabetical order, hanging indention)