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# In-Text Citations: Creative Writing Assignment

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**Option 1:** You are a time traveler. You are traveling to the year 2014 in order to investigate the question: \_\_\_\_\_.

Fill in your Research Question Here

This is a creative writing assignment, so be creative in your approach. The following questions will help you to approach focusing and writing your paper:

*What is the purpose of your time travelling trip and of your essay? Are you writing to convince someone of an idea or belief? Whom and why? Are you correcting history from a misunderstanding? Are you trying to warn people from your time? Are you trying to right a wrong of some kind? Are you part of a research team? Is this trip personal? Are you writing a report for your current government? Or, are you serving some other purpose? Whose?*

Your paper should consider the following elements:

## Content

- What year are you travelling from? How is this time different from 2014?
- Why are you investigating this question?
- Why did you pick the documents you did? How do they fit into the story you are wanting to tell?

## Formatting, Sources, & Citations

- Cite at least 5 sources. Use sources from the array of sources you've learned about in class. (25 points, 5 pts. ea. 1 error = -1 pt. 2 or more errors = -2 pts.)
- Format the paper following APA guidelines, including a title page (3 pts.), a reference page (5 pts.), running headers (1 pt.), and page numbers (1 pt.). Review the APA video for details.
- Cite the sources in APA format using proper in-text citations. (1-2 errors = 10 pts.; 3-5 errors = 5 pts.; 5 or more errors = 0 pts.)
- Writing is lucid, fits the scope of the assignment, and follows standard conventions of spelling, punctuation, etc. (5 pts.)

Total for Assignment: 50 pts.

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**Option 2:** Your society has fallen into a dystopian reign. You are a refugee who has unearthed documents from the past that speak to the question:

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Fill in your Research Question Here

This is a creative writing assignment, so be creative in your approach. The following questions will help you to approach focusing and writing your paper:

*What documents on this issue did you find? How did their content lead to the dystopia you now live in? Could they be used to save people from your time? Could they be used to enslave them? Were these documents suppressed? By whom? Why would someone want to keep them from under of the public eye? How has the issue or the history of your time evolved from these documents to where you find yourself now?*

Your paper should consider the following elements:

## Content

- What year are you writing from? What country and from under what government?
- How are these documents representative of the issue at hand?
- Why did you pick the documents you did? How do they fit into your story?

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- Cite at least 5 sources. Use sources from the array of sources you've learned about in class. (25 points, 5 pts. ea. 1 error = -1 pt. 2 or more errors = -2 pts.)
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