Discussions with Prof. Richards regarding English 100 LIS

Friday, 9/21 1:21 PM

Hi Prof. Richards,

My name is Tim and I will be the Librarian leading the Library instruction session for your **English 100 class on Thursday (9-27-18) from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm.**

I received some information on what you would like for me to cover in your class (such as the *Just Mercy* assignment where your students research a landmark court decision), but I still wanted to reach out and verify that I will be providing is sufficient.

If you have a syllabus for your course, and possibly a written prompt for the research assignment your students will be engaging in, please forward them to me.

For your class I will also be covering the topics below:

- Finding books and eBooks using the library catalog
- Using databases like EBSCO's *Academic Search Complete* to research academic topics. This includes using built-in search tools like date ranges and "peer-reviewed only" search limiters.
- Using databases like Gale's *Opposing Viewpoints* to locate different perspectives on current events
- Using print and online resources (*Gale Virtual Reference Library*) to find reliable background information on a topic
- Developing college-level research topics and searchable keyword lists
- Using database citation tools to create a list of properly formatted (APA or MLA) references

Also, it is important to mention that this Library Instruction Session will be observed by a member of my Tenure Review Committee. There will be a 15 minute section at the end of the class where I will step out of the classroom and your students will have the opportunity to review my instruction session and provide valuable feedback.

Please feel free to contact me through email or phone at any point if with questions and additions to the content planned for the Library instruction session. I look forward to meeting with you and your class on the 27th!

Thanks,

Tim Ream

Tuesday, 9/25 9:55 AM

Hello Timothy,
This sounds great! They just did a smaller research project (baby steps here) and learned to find newspaper articles from Lexus Nexxus and Ebsco but they all struggled a great deal with search terms.

Here is a pasted copy of my assignment:

English 100

Out-of-Class Essay #2

Directions: Research and write about an important Supreme Court case for civil rights that influenced American lives. In his book *Just Mercy,* Bryan Stevenson mentions some of these cases such as Loving v. Virginia, Plessy v. Ferguson, or Brown v. Board of Education. Choose one to research and write about. It doesn't have to be one of the above. You need to collect a minimum of three sources. This essay should be a minimum of 5 pages. Please add in-text citations, a works cited page and make sure this essay is in MLA format.

The Essay:

Your essay should work to answer the question: In what ways did this court decision impact American lives? Explain the case and the decision in detail. Discuss the outcome of the case and the impact, negative or positive.

Essay Checklist: Before bringing your rough draft to class, use this checklist to make sure you have the following in your essay.

- A focus on ONE court case
- Three sources from our library, integrated into your essay to support your paragraphs
- A thesis statement that makes an arguable claim about the impact this court case made on American lives.

- Focused paragraphs with topic sentences

- In-text citations
- Works cited page

Important Dates:

- Library Day: 9/27
- Workshop Day: 10/4
- Due Date: 10/11

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Thursday, 9/27 3:52 PM

Hi Prof. Richards,

Here is the online course guide I built for your students. Please email the url out to your students when you get the chance.

They can also navigate to it through our Library website and clicking on the "Research Guides" menu item:

https://fullcoll.libguides.com/Eng100_Richards_Ream_Fall_2018

Thanks,

Tim Ream

Thursday, 9/27 4:02 PM

Tim,
Thank you so much for the informative session. My students learned a great deal and so did I ☺
Also, thank you for compiling this course guide. I will send it out asap.

Kind Regards,
Heather

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You're very welcome Prof. Richards. You're students were very enthusiastic and lot of fun!

Thanks,

Tim Ream