

## ***Research Workout, Your Date with Diigo***

Your assignment is to gather research for a persuasive speech that you will never actually write. Choose a topic that is controversial and advocates for policy change.

Write a concise thesis statement and establish three central ideas.

Gather 8 total references. Please make sure you have a mix of electronic, print, and peer-reviewed sources that all meet our qualifications for credibility.

All sources must be cited in APA or MLA format.

*For help with sources citations, see the web link in your syllabus or visit [www.citationmachine.net](http://www.citationmachine.net)*

**For Formatting, PLEASE FOLLOW THE GUIDELINES EXACTLY**

**GENERAL PURPOSE:** *To persuade*

**SPECIFIC PURPOSE (Thesis):**

**CENTRAL IDEAS:** *(three main points).*

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

### **RESEARCH PROJECT ASSIGNMENT GUIDELINES:**

1. Format this paper exactly as the sample in your syllabus indicates.
  - a. There is also a student sample on our class website.
2. After **each** reference, write a short summary (abstract) of the article, book, or webpage, approximately one paragraph.
3. After the summary, write a short description of how and where you would use this research in your speech. Please be specific.
4. Organize the source in your Diigo library under the tab "Research Project"

**SAMPLE:** *(this is an example of how you would format a single citation)*

**Davies, Emma. "Student attitudes to student debt." Journal of Economic Psychology 16(1995): 663-679**

This article specifically touches on the psychology behind debt, the thinking that gets you into it and what keeps you from escaping it. Furthermore it discusses the spending attitudes of young adults and their tolerance for debt. It talks about the mindset that their low income is temporary and how in order to maintain their lifestyle they take on debt.

This research would be used to support my second point, as I talk about how assumptions and mindsets allow us to be too easily convinced to take on debt. I would use this info to show we need to create new mindsets and new ways of perceiving debt.

*Have questions? Need help? I'm here for you! I'll meet you in office hours or feel free to shoot me an email. Let's get your researching muscles ripped!*

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