**Q2 Research and Argumentative Prompt:**

The events of WWII and the Holocaust shook society. After witnessing a recognized crime against humanity, two differing ideologies took hold: Individualism and Collectivism. Authors were divided regarding would one best served humanity, and therefore, much of the literature during this time period focuses on these ideologies.

For this assignment, you will be making a claim about which ideology, Individualism or Collectivism, is the superior ideology and benefits society and humanity the most. This claim will be made based on our reading of *Anthem* by Ayn Rand, the short stories that we read in class, and research on our school databases.

**Step 1**

Create a strong 3-prong thesis statement. The thesis statement is the claim which you argue throughout your paper, and it is a direct response and answer to the prompt. It is the central idea and therefore the most important part of the paper. All claims and pieces of evidence must tie back to your thesis statement.

*Examples:*

Individualism is a superior philosophy to collectivism because it promotes creativity and uniqueness, supports personal freedoms, and emphasizes self-responsibility.

Collectivism is a superior philosophy to individualism because the welfare of a large group is more important than the welfare of any individual member of society, it encourages people to be considerate members of society, and it provides for those who cannot provide for themselves.

**Step 2**

Conduct research using our school databases, particularly Ebscohost and/or SIRS Knowledge Source, to locate information to support your thesis.

Annotated bibliography is due on \_\_\_**December 02**\_\_\_.

**Step 3**

Create an outline using the outline template provided by your teacher.

1. Intro
2. Body paragraph #1- discussion of evidence from one of the short stories we read in class
3. Body paragraph #2- discussion of evidence from *Anthem* by Ayn Rand
4. Body paragraph #3- discussion of evidence from outside sources (your database research)
5. Conclusion

The Outline is due on \_\_**December 04**\_\_\_.

**Step 4**

Create a rough draft to be peer edited in class.

The rough draft is due on \_\_\_**December 09**\_\_\_.

**Step 5**

Create a final draft implementing corrections and suggestions from the peer editing process.

The final draft is due on \_\_**December 11**\_\_\_\_.