Building an Expository Essay Checklist (Pre and Post)

Create your paper writing process using the Norton chapters that we read in previous weeks

Pick out the most important aspects of each chapter and connect them to your process

\*\*\* Always consider your rhetorical situation! (Chapter 1, pgs 1-19)

Stance

Purpose

Audience

Genre

Design

Exigence

Topic selection-

Note taking/Free-write- What do you know? What don’t you know? What would you like to know? Do you have a thesis in mind?

Research- keywords, articles, books, journals, “dot coms.” What are you looking for? (charts, arguments, maps, surveys, reports, etc?) Is it reliable? How can you tell? Where did you find it? What did you find? (title and author, web addresses, etc. List here)

Evaluating sources- what are you looking for when you look for sources? Standards?

Note Taking/Free Writing- What did you find out? How did it influence your original thinking? Has it changed? Has it lead you towards a thesis?

Outlining- cluster or formal (separate sheet of paper)

Draft writing- what’s in your draft? Must be in third person, objective case (flesh out some body paragraphs or ideas)

Introduction and conclusion, Well defined thesis statement, Synthesizing ideas, Arguments, Definitions, Explanations, Evidence, “Backup” Information (research) Anecdotes, etc.

Citation work- MLA, use the reference pages in the text, what types of sources would you be citing? Works Cited page