

The background of the slide is a close-up, vertical view of flames. The colors range from bright yellow and orange at the bottom to deep red and black at the top, creating a sense of intense heat and movement.

How exactly do I CARRY THE TORCH?

*Helpful hints as you work through
the first unit of your English 3B
Course*

Discovery and Attribution Writing Assignments



STEP ONE: A SPARK

Use the chart given to complete your pre-writing. You will choose a topic, write questions to research, and find at least three sources.



STEP TWO:

FUEL FOR THE FIRE

Using the same topic, you will post a rough draft of your report (written or oral) to the discussion board. You also need to read and respond to the posts of others.



STEP THREE:

CARRY THE TORCH

Submit the final draft of your report to the assignment link. Look at the grading rubric first to be sure you have included everything.

Choosing a topic

- What makes you tick? Write the answers to four of these questions to find out what you are most curious about.
 - What are the three things that you spend the most time thinking about? Why?
 - If you could live in another time or place, where would you live and why?
 - What are the three most interesting books, articles or magazines you have read? What about them was interesting?
 - What are your three favorite movies or TV shows? What about them interests you?
 - If you could be any person, alive or dead, who would you want to be? Why?
 - What are the three most memorable events of your life? What makes them memorable?
 - You can take any class at any college, what class do you sign up for? Why?
 - What are three situations that make you angry or frustrated? How could you change them?
 - What three topics of conversation must someone be able to engage in to be interesting to you?
- Now choose three topics that are most interesting to you from #1 above. Write out a list of five questions that you are wondering about each topic. These 'research questions' will help you find a topic to write about that you are invested in.

A Spark

Topic	Video Games					
Main (General) Discovery Question	Does playing violent video games lead to violent behavior?					
Focused Discovery Questions	Which video games are considered violent?		How do psychologists study the relationship between violent behavior and influences?		What is violent behavior?	
Specific Discovery Questions	What kind of violence is portrayed in these games?	Which demographic purchases or plays this game?	What studies have been done on this subject?	How can psychologists be sure that violence they observe is actually caused by games?	Is the violent behavior anything to be concerned about, or is it minor violence?	Are the violent behaviors exhibited immediately, or are they long term?
Follow up Question	What could/should be done about this if it really is a problem?					

A Spark – continued...

Don't forget to include source information on the second half of your "Spark" file. This will be helpful to have when you are ready to write your rough draft!



Time to write!

Written Report

- Length 4-6 pages (1000-1600 words)
- MLA formatting
- Works Cited page/Parenthetical citations
- Embedded quotations
- 2-dimensional enhancements (photos, charts, graphs, illustrations, maps, etc)

Oral Report

- Oral Report. Students follow these guidelines: PowerPoint slides 10-20
- Oral presentation length 4-6 minutes
- Verbal parenthetical citations
- Works Cited page (MLA formatting)
- 2 or 3-dimensional enhancements (audio, video, photos, charts, graphs, illustrations, maps, etc)

For BOTH types:

- Add media enhancements to make your presentation interesting.
- Use embedded quotations with MLA citations in your presentation (a minimum of 5).
- Use paraphrased and summarized information with MLA citations.
- Have a Works Cited Page that uses MLA formatting.

Give credit where it's due!

- Quotation marks
- Parenthetical citations
 - **DIRECT QUOTES:** Mrs. Ritchie commented that fall was her “absolute favorite season” (Smith 94).
 - **PARAPHRASED OR SUMMARIZED INFORMATION:** According to recent reports, Aventa has the best online students in the nation (*The Ritchie Press*).
- Properly formatted Works Cited page

Fuel for the Fire



- Rough draft
- Posted to discussion board
- Provide feedback for others
- Wait for feedback from others

Carry the Torch



- Now for the easy part!
- Use feedback to revise and edit.
- Double check for proper citations, MLA formatting, etc.
- Have a friend / family member proofread for spelling and/or grammar mistakes.
- Submit your best possible final draft to the assignment link.

Fires out of control?

- Message Center
- Set up a time to meet in Class Connect

