

First — A

PEP TALK

It's research paper time!

Yeah, I know it's no fun.

It's going to be a challenge.

BUT — you are going to get through it, and when you turn in your FINAL draft, you will be so proud!!

Keys to Success:

- 1. Don't procrastinate. Meet your deadlines and don't wait until the last minute. We can tell when you do!**
- 2. Ask for help. There are no stupid questions. Don't get frustrated... ask someone.**
- 3. Do. Not. Plagiarize.**
- 4. Refer to your assignment and personal notes for guidance.**
- 5. YOU CAN DO THIS. PROMISE!!!**

At A Glance: Helpful Resources

South Side Library's Symbaloo Page:

a perfect starting point -click "Research" tab

<http://sshslibrary.symbaloo.com>

TN Electronic Library:

databases and information galore

check out "Student Resources in Context"

<http://www.tntel.tnsos.org>

Jackson Madison County Library:

databases and e-books

reference department and print materials

<http://www.jmcl.tn.org>

MLA Formatting:

parenthetical citations

reference pages

document formatting

<http://owl.english.purdue.edu>

Extended Library Media Center Hours

The library will remain open after school at the request of students who need to stay for the purpose of working on this project. Please ask Mrs. Parnell and check her availability.

If the library is available to remain open, *You MUST be in the library by 2:30pm if you'd like to use this time!* Mrs. Parnell will leave at 2:35pm if no one is in the library.

SENIOR RESEARCH

HOW YOUR SCHOOL & LOCAL LIBRARIES CAN HELP!

Resources for Senior Research Project

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Information created for the senior English classes of :
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Get familiar with the **CRAAP** of Research!

Use the CRAAP Method to evaluate your sources!

Currency

Consider the age of the information. If it is quite old, the information may no longer be accurate.

Relevance

Does the information meet your needs? Does it relate to your topic? Can you understand what is being presented?

Authority

Does the author of the information seem knowledgeable of the topic? Look for professional credentials of the organization or individual that authored the content. Consider sites that end in .edu, .org, and .gov. And, of course, articles from scholarly publications you may obtain from databases on TEL.

Accuracy

Does the information line up with other research you have conducted? Is the information supported with evidence? Is it presented without bias?

Purpose

Consider what the author is trying to do with the information. Inform? Sell? Teach? Think critically on how the information is presented and if it is appropriate for academic research.

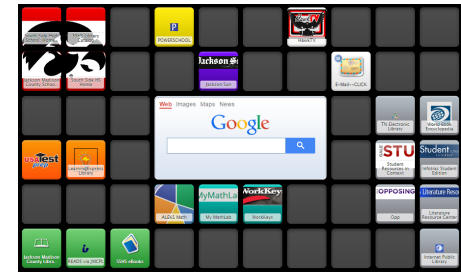
Google “Research CRAAP Test” for additional information on making sure your resources are CRAAP-tastic!

Where to Begin:

SSHS Library Symbaloo Page

<http://sshslibrary.symbaloo.com>

This is essentially a bookmarking site where Mrs. Parnell has created links to wonderful sites to start in your research. Check out the “Research” tab for links to databases in the Tennessee Electronic Library (TEL), tutorials for MLA citations, videos with directions for setting up your document, and more.



Digging a little Deeper... Looking at Online Resources

Find links to each on the SSHS Library Symbaloo Page

[Tennessee Electronic Library \(TEL\)](#) is an online library of magazines, newspapers, and academic journals. This is a GREAT place to start your research. You can search very broadly, or very specifically here. My recommendations are using the “[Student Resources in Context](#)” database and “[Infotrac Student Edition](#)” database.

[Internet Public Library](#) helps you search the web by highlighting sites that are CRAAP.

[Literature Resource Center](#) is a database limited to literature based papers. Great for Honors class!

[JMC Public Library eBooks](#) has a limited number of nonfiction e-books you may look at online or download to a device. They have several literary analysis books that may be helpful for the Honors class. Search their catalog for the books. *A library card is needed to access this material. Don't have one? See Mrs. Parnell!*

[Purdue OWL](#) is a great resource for all those MLA questions. Visit here often!

Don't Forget the Print Resources...they are great too!

Nonfiction Books, Encyclopedias, Dictionaries, and more!

The [South Side Library](#) has some great books on a lot of topics. Ask Mrs. Parnell for help. The [Jackson Madison County Public Library](#) has a wonderful reference section and book on just about everything imaginable. Stop by and don't be shy to ask for assistance.

I've alerted them that it is research time at South Side!