

## English B1A – Two-Source Writing Assignment

Write a synthesis paper using two sources found on the Bakersfield College library databases. The finished draft of the Two-Source Writing Assignment must be 2-2½ pages in length.

### **Assignment:**

The 1940s were turbulent times throughout the world. With nations across the globe immersed in bitter battles, in the United States, populations were moving to follow wartime jobs; great industries were created to build war materiel, and men and women from all walks of life joined the military to fight oppression. At the same time, throughout the land our people on the home front embraced racism and discrimination in the name of national defense.

Pick a topic from the above paragraph and write a 2-2½ page synthesis paper that argues how that topic affected the well-being of American society.

### **Sources:**

1. Choose two sources from the BC Library electronic databases to support your thesis.
2. Do not use eBooks for this paper.

### **Synthesis Paper requirements:**

1. The paper must be at least two full pages in length and not more than two and one half pages in length.
2. Be sure to include at least one direct quotation from each source that you use.
3. Additionally, you may use a paraphrase or summary from your sources.
4. Be sure to follow MLA format when writing your essay.
5. Include a Works Cited page, with the entries in alphabetical order, at the end of your essay.

### **Due dates for this essay are as follows:**

**November 9, 2015.** Turn in your polished copy of the Two-Source Writing Assignment.

- Include copies of your sources and the completed assignment in a brown envelope.

### **See the following for help with your essay:**

- Reference your notes from Tuesday's library presentation for help with use of the BC Library.
- Reference the "Punctuation Pattern Sheet" handout for help with punctuation.
- Reference in-class materials and handouts for clarification on signal phrases and for putting quotations in context.
- Reference *Little, Brown* for help with MLA style, MLA Research paper format, and for Works Cited entry information.