RESEARCH PAPER
Write an argumentative paper that has originated from a question you developed through your semester-long reading log. This will most likely take one of the following forms:

- “how the NYT covered X”
- traditional research paper, investigating an issue that arose in your readings

We will talk about the paper a lot in class, but for more information about writing an argumentative essay, read the Purdue OWL page: https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/685/05/ and the Harvard Writing Center Strategies for Essay Writing at http://writingcenter.fas.harvard.edu/pages/strategies-essay-writing

Dates
Thesis statement: due Monday 11/21
List of sources and outline: due Wednesday 11/30
Draft: due Friday 12/2
Conferences with me: between 11/28 and 12/5
Final: hard copy due by noon on Friday 12/16

Details
- Length should be 6 to 8 pages
- Double-spaced (double-sided is fine)
- Use a “regular” font in a normal (11-12 point) size
- Sources: you should cite at least 3 NYT articles and at least 3 other reliable sources. At least one should be a scholarly journal article.
- Choose a citation format (MLA or APA) and use it consistently

What I expect
- A clearly stated convincing argument/thesis
- Enough background for me and your classmates (your audience – who doesn’t have the knowledge you do on the subject) to understand the paper
- Evidence to support your claims
- Appropriate sources: timely and credible
- Ethical use of the sources (proper citations and paraphrasing)
- Acknowledgement of “the other side” – remember They Say, I Say
- The use of strong, clear language

PRESENTATIONS

Dates
12/5, 12/7 & 12/9

Details
- 5-6 minutes
- use some kind of visual aid (could be slides, poster, handouts, video clip, etc.)
- Should help us understand what you learned about your topic in your research