**English 12 Research Assignment**

Construct a properly-formatted research paper that answers the following question:

**Is Edward Snowden a hero or a traitor?**

**Your paper should include the following sections:**

* An introduction that includes the definition of a “whistleblower,” how the terms “hero” and “traitor” are being defined in your particular paper, and a thesis that directly answers the research question.
* A section that summarizes the events surrounding the Bradley Manning and Edward Snowden cases.
* A large section that utilizes quotes and/or actions by Edward Snowden to support your case for classifying him as a hero or villain. This section will blend research information with your interpretation of the terms “hero,” and “traitor,” along with your own political views.
* A conclusion that restates your thesis and summarizes your main arguments.

**Requirements**:

* Four pages minimum
* Eight sources minimum
* MLA format, including in-text citations/works cited page

**Due Dates:**

9/6/2013: Four source cards due; 10 information cards due

9/11/2013: Eight total source cards due; 25 total information cards due

9/13/2013: Works Cited Due

TBD - Rough Draft/Final Paper Due Dates

**Note cards:** You may utilize index cards, or you may utilize online index cards that can be e-mailed or submitted through google documents.

All assignments can be submitted via Google documents.

**Helpful hints:**

* Use major news syndicates (CNN, ABC, NBC, NPR, Yahoo, etc.) before simply performing a Google search. You will find more reliable information rather than some staunch liberal/conservative’s blog.
* Feel free to cite both informational and editorial articles – use the editorial articles to support your hero/traitor stance. Again, make sure you are finding intelligent, reliable sources, not just some hack’s political website.
* You may cite media clips from reputable news organizations; stay away from YouTube!!
* When searching for articles, you may want to first look for sources dated in Early June, as newer articles are more specific and may not meet your research needs.

**Helpful Articles**

<http://www.cnn.com/2013/06/10/us/snowden-leaker-reaction> (Nice starting point article about Snowden)

<http://www.cnn.com/2013/07/30/justice/manning-court-martial/index.html?hpt=hp_t1> (comprehensive article, including background, of Bradley Manning case – scroll to the four videos on the left of the screen, as they may also be helpful)

<http://www.npr.org/blogs/thetwo-way/2013/07/31/207333396/guardian-report-sheds-light-on-nsas-internet-spying> (a brief look at what Edward Snowden was attempting to warn the US people about)

<http://abcnews.go.com/ThisWeek/video/week-roundtable-nsa-edward-snowden-19467297> (interesting video clip that analyzes Snowden’s actions as whether he is a traitor or a hero). STOP AT THE 3:10 MARK!!

<http://abcnews.go.com/Blotter/edward-snowdens-dad-calls-modern-day-paul-revere/story?id=19554337> (the headline says it all)