



ENGLISH 200 Summer 2013

## Weekend Paper 2: Presenting a Hypothesis

Due in class and in [www.turnitin.com](http://www.turnitin.com) on Tuesday June 18

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Your task for short paper 2 is to present a proposal to us about the longer research project you would like to undertake for the class. That longer project will require you to use secondary, peer-reviewed scholarly sources to support a case you want to make about a particular version of the Holmes story—it could be written, TV, or film. So if you wanted to look at the way Moriarty is portrayed in the BBC *Sherlock* or the permutations of gender in *Elementary* or Laurie King's really excellent Mary Russell series of pastiches, or argue why the 1980s Russian adaptation of the original stories is superior to other versions, any of these would be possible.

Short paper 2 is your attempt to convince Ms. Patterson and me that you have a case for what you want to do. In this short paper, we ask you to write us a description of the project you want to undertake, give us a sense of what thesis you want to argue in that project (at this stage it may still be a question), and to show us the evidence and witnesses you have found to support your case. You should also tell us what form you want your final project to take; it can be a traditional research paper, or, if you make the case persuasively, we could be open to something like a short film, podcast, Presi, or other venue. We're willing to be convinced.

Your persuasive proposal ought to be 1-2 double-spaced pages, and it should be accompanied by an initial working bibliography of **at least five sources**, correctly documented in 2009 MLA fashion. These sources might be books, articles, film reviews, background studies, etc. Peer-reviewed or formally-published sources should dominate this list, but we're aware that you may need to use other kinds of information (though try not to rely too heavily on fan blogs, Rotten Tomatoes, etc.). Feel free to discuss your ideas with us before the due date.

MLA (2009) documentation form counts, and a number of you lost points on it on the first assignment. If you need a refresher on what materials **MUST** be documented in 2009 MLA style, consult "The Complete Use of Borrowed Information:"

<http://www.winthrop.edu/uploadedFiles/cas/english/CorrectUseBorrowedInfo.pdf>

The Purdue OWL (Online Writing Lab) has thorough, up-to-date information on MLA style, including vidcasts of how to document correctly: <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/01/>.