The Research Paper: Essay #3

Purpose:
This assignment is designed to teach essential skills for writing research papers. Students will learn to search for and determine the credibility of outside sources, choose and narrow a topic, present researched material in a paper, and create a Works Cited page. In addition, students will continue to practice skills already learned in class, such as writing a clear thesis, using varied transitions, incorporating quotes, documenting sources using MLA format, and many others.

Task:
Choose three people from Top 10 Visionaries by George Ilian. Then, write a five-paragraph essay that explains how those three people became successful, utilizing sources from class and your own research to support your response. Throughout the essay, successfully incorporate quotes from a variety of credible sources to support the topic sentences.

Sources:
- Mindset by Carol Dweck
- Top 10 Visionaries by George Ilian
- At least 2 additional outside sources

Organization:

Introduction:
- Interesting hook that introduces the idea of success
- Brief introduction to the 3 people you have chosen that shows your reader that they are successful
- Thesis statement that says something about how these 3 people provide us with lessons on how to be successful

Body Paragraphs: (1 paragraph per person chosen)
- Topic sentence about the person and their success and how they achieved it
- Support that explains how they reached their success using the principles you learned from Mindset or another source, as well as examples from Top 10 Visionaries. Your support should include at least three quotes or paraphrases from more than one source in each body paragraph. There should be an introductory signal phrase the first time each source is used. There should also be sufficient explanation of how your quoted or paraphrased information supports your topic sentence. Keep quoted material short. If you are using a story or a long example from Top 10, put it in your own words and cite it.

Conclusion:
- Address the benefits we could experience if we followed their example

Works Cited
- List every source used in MLA format and attach as a separate page to the essay

Important Note:
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