252: MAJOR PROJECT PAPER

Length: 5 pages (1250 words)
Weight: 20% of your final grade
Format: MLA, Times, 12pt, Double Space, etc…

Sources: At least 3-4 sources as defined below + Observations
(you may have multiple articles/other sources, but must at least two academic sources and at least some type of personal research/observation)
  • Academic Journal Article – 2 REQUIRED
    (online or print; academic book also OK)
  • Other Source (not required if you cite 3 journals)
    (textbook, academic website, news article, etc)
    (No encyclopedias, blogs or wikis)
  • Real-Life Observations – Required
    (Not a source for your bibliography)

OPTIONS:
A) Research and investigate a grammatical issue discussed in the class and or textbook (relative clauses, topic & focus, uses of the present tense…).

B) Research and investigate a teaching issue that relates to grammar. (teaching grammar to mainstream or ESL students, teaching grammar through writing)

C) Grammar in other aspects of life (grammar in marketing, grammar in the way engineers [or reporters, etc] write, grammar-related challenges in programming language translation or grammar checking software, grammar related efforts of a company that makes its money that way [e.g. GAP International, Cataphora…])
   *** This option gives you ‘enough rope to hang yourself’… Please check with me about your topic before you invest a lot of time and energy in it…

Target: Build on what we’ve discussed to tie GRAMMAR into real-life language
Practice: Implement grammatical issues that we have studied in your final paper
Avoid: Preaching about prescriptive rules
Grading: See separate rubric
Due Date: See schedule
**OPTIONAL PRESENTATION**

- 3 – 7 minutes
- Informal presentation, but keep us awake & *inform* us
- Based on the topic of your paper
- Includes key information from your research (but not all of it)
- Present early enough to allow yourself to do more research before submitting your final paper
- Expect and be ready to incorporate feedback from the class…
- Presentations will be made during the final four weeks of the semester…
- Extra credit is available for comments that the presenter/writer finds useful…