**Resources for English 101 Research Paper: Researching a Crime**

"*The crimes of this guilty land will never be purged away but with blood*."

John Brown, 2 December 1859

As you choose your topic and begin searching for information, always search, first, for primary source information (government documents, reports, etc.) If you are searching via the internet as opposed to in a library, I recommend that you avoid websites with .com suffixes and begin with government websites (.gov), university websites (.edu), and organization websites (.org). Keep in mind that many .org/organization websites are politically biased or have a clear agenda. Biased information is not necessarily inaccurate, but it may not show the full picture of a case, or the language may be emotionally slanted or even manipulative. Try to find information that is reliable, verifiable, and unbiased. Please avoid commercial websites like history.com and stick with academic sources. If you do use .com sites, they should be limited to major newspapers such as LA Times (latimes.com) and The New York Times (nytimes.com) and certain magazines that rely on scholarship and research (National Geographic; Smithsonian; Time; Life, etc.)

**Government Websites**

Types of Crimes: <https://www.bjs.gov/index.cfm?ty=tdtp&tid=3>

FBI, Famous Cases: <https://www.fbi.gov/history/famous-cases>

Supreme Court Landmark Cases: <https://www.uscourts.gov/about-federal-courts/educational-resources/supreme-court-landmarks>

Hate Crime Laws: <https://www.justice.gov/crt/hate-crime-laws>

FBI Investigations of Cyber Crimes: <https://www.fbi.gov/investigate/cyber/major-cases>

**Crimes that led to improved safety laws**

Jeanne Clery Murder/ The Clery Act: <https://clerycenter.org/about-page/>

The Triangle Shirtwaist Fire/ Building Codes <https://www.dol.gov/shirtwaist/introduction.htm>

**Crimes challenging unjust laws**

John Brown’s Raid on Harper’s Ferry: <http://www.lva.virginia.gov/exhibits/DeathLiberty/johnbrown/index.htm>

The arrest of Rosa Parks: <https://www.archives.gov/education/lessons/rosa-parks>

**Sports/Performance Crimes**

Tonya Harding’s involvement with Nancy Kerrigan’s attack (figure skaters): <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/06/12/theater/tonya-harding-nancy-kerrigan-figure-skating.html>

Lance Armstrong doping scandal/fraud case: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/public-safety/lance-armstrong-settles-100-million-us-government-doping-fraud-case-for-5-million/2018/04/19/effa18fe-4263-11e8-ad8f-27a8c409298b_story.html?noredirect=on&utm_term=.9fd75f81b543>

Baseball steroids scandal : <https://www.nytimes.com/2006/03/23/books/barry-bonds-and-baseballs-steroids-scandal.html>; <https://www.denverpost.com/2007/12/13/a-timeline-of-steroids-in-baseball/>

**Writing and Research**

Writing a Research Paper, OWL online writing lab: <https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/general_writing/common_writing_assignments/research_papers/index.html>

MLA 8 Formatting Overview and Links: <http://campusguides.glendale.edu/cite/MLA>

Sample MLA research paper: <https://style.mla.org/files/2017/03/Brandons_Paper_FINAL.pdf>

Primary vs. Secondary Sources: <http://campusguides.glendale.edu/c.php?g=514549&p=3516755>

The Information Cycle (video) : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=drej6K44avI>

Evaluating online sources: <https://library.columbia.edu/locations/undergraduate/evaluating_web.html>