**DTC 475 Digital Diversity**

**Criteria for Independent Research**

**Criteria:** You will receive a point for each of these. ¼, 1/3, and ½ points will be assessed as warranted.

1. Made a cogent argument for or against the issue
2. Made little to no errors; paper was well thought out and written
3. Followed the General Directions (see below)
4. Cited sources or/and linked directly to the texts in some way
5. Made interesting insights

**Grading Scale:** I will count the points you have been given and assess your grade in this manner:

5- A

4- B

3- C

2 and below-F

**General Directions:**

* Your paper is considered late if it missed the day and time stipulated on the syllabus. You will lose 10 points starting after the allotted time. Each day you are late, you will receive another 10 points off your paper. So, do not turn in your paper late!
* If your paper is inordinately sloppy (e.g. a lot of misspelled words, typos, grammar errors, fully of slang, poorly researched), I will not grade it, but merely give It back to you with a 0.
* You need to follow some sort of Style Guide. Pick one from among: MLA, APA, Chicago, ACM. It doesn’t matter to me which one you choose just as long as you use it consistently throughout.
* All papers MUST include a Works Cited. You are required to have at least two works listed. These can include your readers.
* Do not turn in a PDF. Please send a .doc or .docx.
* Title your file <yourlastname>-research#<number>. If you do not title your paper this way, I will not grade it. You will earn a 0 on it.
* Put your name on your paper. It really helps me to know who turned in the paper after I open the file.
* Give your paper a title. Do not title it “my paper.” Give me something original that shows you have thought about the topic.
* You must stay within the length stipulated.