**Essay #3 – Cause and Effect Essay**

**General Focus:** (topic chosen by student)

**Specific Task:**  complete an analysis of multiple causes that lead to one effect or a cause that has multiple effects whose relationship is evident through ample, credible research

***Specifications:***

1. Minimum page length: 5 FULL pages; Maximum: 6 pages (double-spaced)
2. You need a Title Page in APA style as a separate page at the beginning (this is not included in your page count).
3. You need a “References” page in APA style as a separate page at the end (this is not included in your page count).
4. You need at least 8 different academic references, and all should be cited according to APA style. Here are some suggestions for possible sources:
	1. an electronic academic article (from the TIU database or the other approved databases)
	2. TED Talk ([www.ted.com](http://www.ted.com))
	3. publications from reputable news or academic organizations (however, no blogs!)
5. POV (point of view) – 3rd person only
6. You don’t need graphics unless you would like to include them (they will not be included in your page count).
7. Audience: Your instructor and your classmates. Generally informed and educated. *Keep in mind, myself and your classmates may not have as much intimate knowledge of the topic as you, so provide background information, definitions, etc. when appropriate*
8. Register: formal.
9. Formatting: 1-inch margins, double spaced, Times New Roman, 12-point font, 5-point tab for indentation (standard), page numbers (see APA style).
10. DO NOT COPY. THIS WILL RESULT IN A GRADE OF “0” AND DISCIPLINARY ACTION.

***Tips:***

* Be as specific as possible in your writing. Don’t write vague generalizations unless you can back them up with evidence.
* PROOFREAD YOUR PAPER.
* Don’t forget to introduce and develop quotes that you use in your paper. A floating quote does not help the reader to understand your point. Further analysis is needed to tie the quote to your main argument.