**THE RESEARCH PROCESS (YOUR STEPS)**

**1. You create notes with the research you’ve been doing, 2. keep track of your sources, 3. connect that research and come up with a focus/thesis statement, 4. create your outline, and 5. THEN start writing your paper.**

**EXAMPLE**

Essay Topic: Music in the 1960s

Intro Paragraph

Intro Topic Ideas- Woodstock, Social Revolution

Thesis Statement- Music in the 1960s served as an outlet for people to express their dissatisfaction with the current state of America.

1st Body Paragraph

Main Point #1- The Beatles

Supporting Evidence- Social protest and outlet

Supporting Evidence- Influenced fashion of the day

2nd Body Paragraph

Main Point #2- Elvis

Supporting Evidence- Controversial

Supporting Evidence- Appeal to the Young

3rd Body Paragraph

Main Point #2- Jimi Hendrix

Supporting Evidence- Drug Culture

Supporting Evidence- Anti-war

Conclusion- Music of the 1960s continues to stir a league of citizens today who share the same beliefs as their predecessors.

Note Card: The Beatles

John Smith said, “The Beatles changed the world with their music” (119).

Note Card: Elvis Presley

“Elvis Presley’s music appealed to the youth of the day, but parents worried about his influence” (“Elvis Presley”)

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**NOTE: These entries were created to be models for you; they are not actual resources. Also note that you need 5 sources (2 Print, 3 Internet/Database)**

**YOUR OUTLINE IS DUE (TYPED, DOUBLE SPACED) on TUESDAY, MARCH 4th. You may turn it in early for feedback if you would like.**