CS 190 - Fall 2010
Term Paper Rough Draft
Due: Monday, Nov. 8th, 2010 by 12:50pm

Submission: There will NOT be a Blackboard submission for this assignment. Bring TWO copies of your rough draft to class with you. Make sure your name is included on paper and your paper is stapled.

Instructions: The purpose of the rough draft is to translate your research and thoughts into a (more) complete paper. A rough draft is a continuous prose document with placeholders for diagrams or tables. You don't need to worry about polishing English, but you will want to check your spelling and basic punctuation. In parts, you may have bullet points or theme sentences instead of worked out paragraphs. However, these should be used infrequently; at this point, you should have a good idea of what you want to say in your document.

You need to include in-text, parenthetical citations as we discussed in class as well as a bibliography/works cited page at the end of your document. It is extremely important that you cite correctly. You must give credit to others for their words and ideas. Otherwise, you are plagiarizing which is an Academic Honor Code violation. See the slides from class about correct citation procedure or talk to me about any questions you have.

Your rough draft should be 7-8 full pages (not including title or bibliography pages). See below for formatting instructions.

Formatting: Please adhere to the following formatting instructions:
- Use 12 point Times New Roman (or similar) font
- Use 1" margins.
- Add page numbers to all your pages.

Where to get help:
- My office hours or make an appointment. Come prepared with specific questions or problems.
- The Emory Writing Center. They have many options for students, including ESL resources. http://www.writingcenter.emory.edu/

General Tips: (Adapted from Professor Morey, English Dept.)

1. Assume that your audience is educated but does not know as much as you do about your topic. Provide appropriate background, but don't simply summarize articles. Synthesize the information and explain to your audience why the research/source is important or interesting.

2. State your thesis/topic in the first paragraph. Make sure that your thesis is coherent and concise.

3. Make sure your paper unified and cohesive. Make sure that you repeat the main words (and therefore the main ideas) of the thesis/topic throughout the paper.

4. When you use quotations, integrate them into the paper, and make it clear why they are relevant and how they support your point(s). Keep them short, and QUOTE ACCURATELY. Cite appropriately as discussed in class.

5. There is no substitute for allowing sufficient time to write a paper. Successful papers are the product of trial and error, multiple revisions, practice, care, and a genuine interest in the subject.