English 10 – Research Paper

For this project, you will explain and analyze a topic having to do with globalization. Consider any current world issue where:

A) two (or more) different cultures are brought together and are in conflict;

B) one culture is being assimilated into the other;

C) one culture is forcing its values on another

The possibilities are endless. Major topics include pop culture (music, films, fashion), sports, the environment, politics, health/medicine, and business. Consider identifying a situation (for example, how did KFC get to be so popular in China? or, What happens if the US becomes energy independent?) and teaching your reader about the what, how, and why of the issue. If we use “How did X become so popular in country Y?” as a template, you will first need to prove X is in fact popular in country Y. Second, you will need to explain why X is popular in Y and what the implications are going forward. Part I should be shorter than part II--your emphasis needs to be on your analysis of the reasons behind the trend and the implications (the fallout, the results) of this trend

**POSSIBLE TOPICS**

Why is skin lightening in India popular?

Why are beauty pageants around the world on the rise?

Are girls schools in Afghanistan gaining in popularity?

Why is AIDS on the decline/on the rise in sub-Saharan Africa & what is the global community doing about it?

Is microfinancing really helping small business owners?

Water scarcity issues and their implications? (Isreal, Lake Victoria, Turkey)

Why is Halloween (as a holiday) on the rise in Germany, Europe?

Why is basketball growing in popularity in parts of Africa?

Is obesity on the rise in China, Japan, S. Africa (where there are increasing #s of fast food restaurants)?

Why is English becoming the world’s language?

Are Bollywood films gaining in popularity in the US? Why?

Why did “Gangnam Style” by Psi become the world’s most watched YouTube video?

Why is sex slavery on the rise?

Why has China Daily recently launched an “Africa Edition” in Kenya?

Why is Brazil hosting both the World Cup and the Olympics?

What country leads the world in renewable energy and why?

How has world music influenced American pop music?

How is the re-building of Haiti going?

Why is Myanmar becoming more open to the West?

Is the explosion of the high end chocolates helping local African economies?

The Fair Trade Coffee movement--has it been successful?

Walmart in Nigeria--what are the implications?

What is the cost of carbon emissions in developing nations?

Why do girls experience more success in math / science in some parts of the world than others?

Why has South Korea come to be considered the plastic surgery capital of the world?

How does Japanese Anime influenced American pop culture?

Are Japanese “cram schools” gaining popularity in any other regions of the world?

**By Monday, April 6: Identify and start the process of acquiring a book on a topic that interests you.**