Note Card Assignment
AP English Language and Composition

At this point in the research process, you should begin taking notes. Your assignment should be completed on Google Slides. You should also submit your Works Cited page from easybib.com. This assignment requires that you record at least 25 notes that meet the following criteria:

Each card must include the following:

- A quote (use quotation marks for direct quotes) or paraphrase from one of the sources listed on your Works Cited page
- An accurate MLA in-text citation for the quote/paraphrase, attributing to its source
- A topic. In the title box, record a topic that explicitly links the note to a point addressed in the thesis statement or counterargument (meaning a the note contradicts the thesis and can therefore be attacked)
- Optional: A comment/reminder that may be useful to you later. For example, alert yourself that the note is from a book, so you will be sure to use it. Or provide some context for the note so that it will make more sense to you (or your reader). This is especially important if you are recording a source quoted within a source (cite this as (qtd. in Doe).

Sample Note Cards

Thesis: Tacos are the world's greatest snack given that their ingredients are negotiable, they are easy to make, and they are inexpensive.

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<th>Topic: ingredients are negotiable</th>
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<td>Note: “It’s always exciting when Bob makes tacos because I don’t have to make a commitment. Sometimes I’ll load up a soft shell tortilla, but then I’ll switch back to crunchy. They’re both so tasty!”</td>
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<td>Source: (Meyers par. 3)</td>
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<td>Comment: from one of my database articles</td>
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Note: “Tacos can be such a mess; they’re too hard to eat in the car. Chicken tenders are a much better solution to on-the-go snacking.”

Source: (“Why Tacos?” 22)

Comment: Tacos wrapped carefully in flour tortillas are less likely to cause a mess. Plus, tenders aren’t that good without some kind of sauce, and that would definitely increase the likelihood of a mess in the car.

Remember:
- Direct quotes should be no longer than three lines in length (from the original source)
- Direct quotes should be in quotation marks. “ “
- Quotes that exceed three lines should be summarized, in your own words, and documented correctly
- Paraphrasing requires the writer to restate a quote in his or her own words. The diction and syntax should be different from the original, but the idea unchanged.

Don’t forget to meet source requirements:
- A minimum of one primary source
- 3 articles from databases (newspaper, magazine, or journal articles)
- There is no limit on how many sources you can use