***Developing and Supporting a Thesis***

***Performance Assessment Worksheet***

***Part II***

**Part I—Supporting Details**

Once your topic paragraph has been approved, you will need to find supporting details from outside sources. Your paper will require at least **FOUR** outside sources to support your thesis. For instance, in class we watched the documentary: Food Inc. If I were writing a paper on the negative effects of Monsanto on farmers, I might choose the following information from the film:

 **Monsanto has patented its *Round-up Ready* seeds; thereby, creating a near-monopoly on soybean seeds. Farmers who try to save their own seeds are considered suspect. Monsanto will often take farmers into court in an effort to intimidate and/or bankrupt the farmers if they suspect a farmer of saving his/her own seeds. The average farmer will capitulate because he/she does not have the resources to fight the corporate titan**.

Notice this is a paraphrase of what we saw in the film. You must always paraphrase your resources to avoid plagiarism.

Once you have found the sources you intend to use in your paper, I would like you to list them below. You need only cut and paste the information you intend to use in your paper below. **REMEMBER**: The information you paste below, will NOT show up verbatim in your research paper. You will have to paraphrase the information.

**Source A:**

**Source B:**

**Source C:**

**Source D:**

**Part II—In-text Citations**

Once you have paraphrased your source. You will need to give credit to the source in-text. We will be using MLA citations. The citation will come at the end of the information you have paraphrased. Above I paraphrase information from the film: Food Inc. I will need to give credit to the director for the information. So I am going to have to add an in-text citation. It will look like this:

 **Monsanto has patented its *Round-up Ready* seeds; thereby, creating a near-monopoly on soybean seeds. Farmers who try to save their own seeds are considered suspect. Monsanto will often take farmers into court in an effort to intimidate and/or bankrupt the farmers if they suspect a farmer of saving his/her own seeds. The average farmer will capitulate because he/she does not have the resources to fight the corporate titan (Kenner)**.

Simply by adding the name of the director, I have avoided plagiarism. Most of the work you will be citing is online. Below you will find some links to help you cite online sources.

<https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/02/>

[**http://www.citationmachine.net/mla7/cite-a-website/manual**](http://www.citationmachine.net/mla7/cite-a-website/manual)

Once you have paraphrased one of your sources, add an in-text citation like I did above. Then cut and paste it below, so that I can see you know how to do it.

Example of in-text citation: