European Literature
Mr. Padlo

Assignment for November 10 – December 11
Research paper:
• 3-5 page paper – typed, double-spaced in 12 pt font with no extra spaces between paragraphs
• typed title page and Works Cited page in MLA format
• minimum 3 sources, no Wikipedia or encyclopedia articles

Each student conducts research on a specific topic answering the following questions:
• What is a good career? What is a good way to earn a living and why? What is a good way to live? Focus on a kind of work you might see yourself doing in the future, or that you wish you could do, and make clear how this career relates to the larger concept of “good living”.
• What educational and professional steps must one take in order to live and work this way?
• What are some examples or models you can discuss in your paper?
• What evidence and supporting details do you need to provide to convince us – your readers – of the benefits of the career you have chosen to research?

Core Curriculum – Writing standards

• Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.
• Gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the strengths and limitations of each source in terms of the task, purpose, and audience; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and overreliance on any one source and following a standard format for citation.

Schedule:
1. Choose a topic and restrict the subject with a working thesis
   a. Library Nov 12 / Nov 14
2. Take notes and choose sources --
   a. note-check and working bibliography—minimum 3 sources
    Nov 18
3. Rough draft – 3 to 5 typed pages, double-spaced, 1” margins
   a. Library Dec 10
4. Final draft due
   a. Presentation of research on day of final exam
   Dec 11