**8th Grade Writing Homework:**

**Writing a Research Paper**

Due Monday 12/14/15

Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

This week, answer the following prompt below in a formal, 5 paragraph essay. Make sure that your essay has structure and follows the format learned in class.

***Prompt:*** *Where does Christmas come from? How long has Christmas been around and which religion started it all? In your five paragraphs, include an introduction, a paragraph explaining Christmas’ origin, what Christmas is, how it has transformed to what it is today, and a concluding paragraph tying everything together.*

*Be sure to include a reference page and in-text citations from the sources that you used to write the paper.*

Make sure to use the checklist below to check yourselves when you have finished.

Research Paper Checklist

* Is it 5 paragraphs?
* Have you identified a main topic, introduction, 3 body paragraphs, and concluding paragraph?
* Does your paper make sense? Are you able to teach someone about the topic?
* Are there in-text citations to make your argument credible?
* Do you have a reference page done in MLA format?