GLOBALIZATION AND CULTURE

Research Plan
Due: Wednesday, 4/29/2015

Your research plan must include the following components, and must be formatted with these sections:

I.   Title

II.   Description of topic (one page)
One page introducing the reader to the topic you want to investigate. You may reference any materials you gathered for this project (bibliography and web posts).

III.   Relevance for class (two pages)
Two pages that describe the relationship of your research topic to class themes and/or concepts. This should be <u>very specific</u> – you must reference readings and materials to give context for why your topic is appropriate for a class on globalization and culture.

IV.   Research question (one sentence)
One sentence that poses a focused, specific question you would like to undertake a research project on. This most likely should be revised from your earlier versions.

V.   Proposed method (one to two pages)
If you were able to conduct this research, with all the time and resources necessary, how would you do so? Be very specific – would you use interviews (who would you talk to, where, to get a sense of what?), statistical surveys (what kind of data would you want to look at, from what contexts?), participant observation (what site or sites would you visit, to encounter what sort of events and people?). This is your chance to be creative and imaginative while showing your understand your issue enough to propose a relevant method for understanding it.

VI.   Literature review (three pages)
Write a summary of the articles you read for your annotated bibliography. The literature review should synthesize all the material (rather than deal with the articles one at a time) – focus on common themes or questions, differences between the articles, and areas of interest not covered in the articles. You may also reference materials you posted to the website.

VII.   Bibliography (one to two pages; bibliography can be single-spaced)
A properly formatted list of <u>all materials</u> referenced in the plan, including articles from your literature review, web posts, and any material from class.

Requirements
- Assignments must be double-spaced, in 12 pt. font.
- Use 1-inch margins all around.
- Your name, the date, and the assignment ("Research Plan") must appear at the top left corner, single-spaced.
- Be certain to check for spelling mistakes and typos before turning in the assignment.
- Attach the rubric to the back of your assignment.
- Staple all pages so nothing gets lost.

ASSIGNMENTS ARE DUE AT THE BEGINNING OF CLASS.
LATE OR EMAILED ASSIGNMENTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Grading Rubric: Research Plan

	Excellent (10/9)	Very Good (8/7)	Good (6/5/4)	Acceptable (3/2)	Poor (1/0)
Spelling, grammar, punctuation					
Description of topic, relevance for class, research question (x2)					
Proposed method (x2)					
Literature review (x2)					
Bibliography					
Overall clarity and effectiveness of writing (x2)					